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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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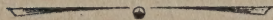
TOWN OF BERLIN, N. H.

BY THE

Selectmen, Town Treasurer. Highway Agent, Overseer of the Poor, Board of Health, Library Trustees, Librarian, Police Judge, Board of Education. Town Clerk and Auditors.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1897.



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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN,

J. Howard Wight, P. E. Beaudoin, C. C. Gerrish.

CLERK,

Cyrus L. Doe,

TREASURER.

J. A. Letourneau.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

John B. Noyes.

BOARD OF HEALTH,

Dr. C. H. Bowker,

Dr. A. Lavallee.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

A. B. Forbush.

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Freemont D. Bartlett,

H. W. Johnson, M. D.

J. A. Letourneau,

Miss Alice G. Mason.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,

Herbert J. Brown,

H. W. Johnson, M. D.

Jennie Anderson-Clarke.

POLICE,

Joseph Lambert, Chief,

John Youngcliss,

Robert Kilpatrick,

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

George A. Porter, Chief,

Fred R. Oleson, Capt. No. 1,

H. Martinson, Capt. No. 2,

George E. Kent. Capt. No. 3

W. L. Evans, Capt. H. & L. Co.

WARRANT FOR WARD ONE.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ SEAL. } To the inhabitants of Ward One (1) of the
city of Berlin qualified to vote in city affairs

You are hereby notified to meet in Music Hall in
said ward on the second Tuesday of March next, at
nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following
subjects:—

1. To choose by ballot a ward clerk.
2. To choose by ballot three (3) councilmen, one for
one year, one for two years, and one for three years.
3. To bring in your votes for mayor.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth (20th,)
day of February, A. D., 1897.

GEO. F. RICH, } Supervisors of
JOHN B. GILBERT, } Check Lists
A. P. BERGQUIST, } of Berlin.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:—

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A. P. BERGQUIST, } of Berlin.

WARRANT FOR WARD TWO.
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ SEAL. } To the inhabitants of Ward Two (2) of the
city of Berlin qualified to vote in city affairs

You are hereby notified to meet at the Engine House
of Hose Co. No. 2, in said ward on the second Tuesday
of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act
upon the following subjects:—

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WARRANT FOR WARD THREE.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ SEAL. } To the inhabitants of Ward Three (3) of the city of Berlin qualified to vote in city affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet in Berlin Mills Hall in said ward on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:—

1. To choose by ballot a ward clerk.
2. To choose by ballot three (3) councilmen, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.
3. To bring in your votes for mayor.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

PROPERTY TAXED.

Improved and unimproved lands and		
buildings		\$1,076,875
No. of Polls,	2008	200,800
No. of Horses,	492	17,140
No. of Mules,	1	40
No. of Oxen,	4	100
No. of Cows,	225	4,484
No. of Sheep,	92	236
No. of Hogs,	2	16
No. of Carriages,	34	1,700
Value of Stock in Banks,		4,600
Money on Hand and at Interest,		3,050
Value of Stock in Trade,		166,005
Mills and Machinery,		579,600
Total Valuation,		\$2,054,646

TAXES ASSESSED AND APPROPRIATED.

Support of Schools,	\$7,000
Repairing Highways,	6,000
Necessary Town Charges,	5,500

Sanitary and Sewers,	\$1,500
Fire purposes	1,500
Public Library,	500
Decoration Day,	100
New Hose House,	500
State Tax,	3,270
County Tax,	4,635
Sinking fund,	3,500
Interest on Bonds and Notes,	6,500
New School Houses, vote '93 and '94,	2,360
Hydrants	1,840
School Bonds,	1,000
Lighting Streets,	2,200
Fire Alarm,	1,000
School Books and Supplies,	500
Repairing School Houses	1,000
Inside Blinds for Schoolhouses,	250
Furniture and Blackboards for Cole Primary,	300
Added overlay,	411 08
Total amount committed for collection,	\$51,366 08

Amount assessed for all purposes on \$100, \$2 50

Orders issued by the Selectmen on Town Treasurer
for fiscal year ending February 15, 1897.

COUNTY POOR.

Dr. A. Lavallee, med. at Louis Morin,	\$31 50
Joseph Lambert, taking John Mans- field to County farm,	10 10
C. Brooks, rent of Corrier,	5 00
O. Lambert, goods to Jean Landry,	7 53
C. Brooks, medicine for Louis Main,	7 50

Mrs. Morin, care and board Mrs. Morin,	\$37 00
D. Lefebvre, goods delivered Ed. Stone,	7 12
" goods delivered J. Derocha,	7 52
Twitchell & Holt, wood del. Mrs. Sullivan,	4 00
Dr. Lavallee, med. at. Melvina Dion,	12 50
C. Brooks, rent John Corrier,	5 00
C. C. Gerrish & Co., goods del. J. Dero-	
chier,	13 62
Dr. Lavallee, med. at. Peter Brein;	19 50
A. B. Forbush, rent for Mrs. Garneau,	
order of John R. Horne,	10 00
A. B. Forbush, board of Mrs. Sullivan,	4 00
C. C. Gerrish & Co., mdse. Mrs. Sullivan,	6 05
Moses Hodgdon, rent for Mrs. Sullivan,	9 00
P. E. Beaudoin, shoes for Mrs. Sullivan,	4 35
T. J. Pickford mdse. for Mrs. Sullivan,	2 00
" " Mrs. Laronto,	3 00
Wilbur Martell, rent Chattenneuf,	8 00
Alex Dubreuil, board Tallion children,	8 00
O. Lambert, wood for Jos. Derochier,	1 63
Elzear Bouchard, care Peter Byron,	24 00
Dr. C. H. Bowker, attending John Mans-	
field,	4 00
Wilbur Martel, rent for Chatteneuf,	4 00
C. Brooks, rent for John Corrier,	5 00
A. B. Forbush, atendance on Mrs. Sam.	
Thibeault,	16 50
P. St. Lawrence, team and casket for	
Pierre Brien,	8 00
A. B. Forbush, ticket Geo. Bossuath to	
Canada,	4 75
Alex Dubriel, board Tallion children,	8 00
Twitchell & Holt, wood for Mrs. Sullivan,	4 00
F. A. Lord, 3 mos. rent for Derochier,	10 50
C. Brooks, rent for John Corrier,	5 00

H. L. Steinfeld, mdse. Mrs. Sullivan,	\$3 00
Dr. J. J. Cobb, med. at. Pat McCree,	21 00
Moses Hodgdon, rent for Mrs. Sullivan,	9 00
John Moore, rent for Mrs. Kingston,	5 00
Alex Dubriel, board of Tallion children	8 00
A. B. Forbush, expenses to June 4,	5 50
B. L. Pike, wood for Mrs. Kingston,	1 75
A. B. Forbush, ticket for Peter Cordeau,	4 75
Androscoggin Hospital Assn. “	24 00
C. L. Doe, milk for Mrs. Mc.Graw,	1 47
Wilbur Martel, rent for Chatteneuf,	8 00
C. Brooks, rent for John Corrier,	5 00
P. E. Beaudoin, shoes for Mrs. Sullivan,	1 50
Alex Dubriel, board Tollion children,	8 00
John Moore, rent for Mrs. Kingston,	5 00
H. P. Montgomery, shoes, Mrs. Sullivan,	2 75
“ “ “ Van Slick,	2 40
Alex Dubriel, board Tallion children,	8 00
C. Brooks, rent for John Corrier,	5 00
Androscoggin Hospital Ass'n, care and attendance Wilfred Bouchard.	36 00
John Moore, rent Mrs. Kingston,	5 00
P. E. Beaudoin, medical attendance on Mrs. Budeaux, order Dr. Catellier,	7 50
Moses Hodgdon, rent for Mrs. Sullivan,	9 00
Jos. Cote, care Louis Cote,	8 00
Mrs. Jas. Pressey, care Mrs. Kingston,	5 00
James Sheridan, wood for Mrs. Kingston,	1 00
P. E. Beaudoin, order Mary Correau,	3 15
Alex Dubriel, board of Tallion children,	8 00
A. B Forbush, moving county charges,	1 20
Annie Momeny, care Mrs. Kingston,	1 75
C. Brooks, rent for John Corrier,	5 00
Wilbur Martel, rent for Chatteneuf,	8 00
Dr. J. J. Cobb, med. at. Mrs. Kingston,	19 00

John Moore, rent for Mrs. Kingston,	\$5 00
P. St. Lawrence, rent for Mrs. Cayey,	6 00
“ burial of different people,	28 00
“ casket for Jos. Lamore,	8 00
P. E. Beaudoin, order A. Morancy,	2 00
A. B. Forbush, sending body to Canada,	7 00
Dr. J. A. Champagne, attending John Garneau,	4 00
Madam Dandrier, care Pierre Florquet,	7 00
Bella Frechette, care Wm. Cayer,	5 00
Dr. C. H. Bowker, attending Mrs. Decote,	21 00
Celestine LaCasse, care Joseph Lambert,	3 00
Alice Bilardeau, work at Geo. Bouthette,	9 00
Mrs. Jos. Leonard, “ “ “	1 00
Geo. Bouthet, “ “ “	6 50
Henry Tachereau, “ “ “	12 00
Jos. Cote, care Louis Cote,	8 00
James Sheridan, wood for Geo. Bouthette,	1 50
M. Lemeroux, washing for Mrs. Kingston,	4 50
Alex Dubriel, care of Tallion children,	8 00
P. St. Lawrence, casket for H. Gagnon,	8 00
“ “ Jos. Ross,	8 00
Dr. A. Lavallee, attending Mrs. Guilmette,	9 00
“ “ Bretoies' daughter	4 50
“ “ Wm. Cayer.	24 75
Dr. C. H. Bowker, attending Jos. Morrill,	2 25
Androscoggin Hospital Ass'n., “	18 00
“ “ P. Segreine	15 00
J. W. Clinch, care of Grace Harriman,	15 30
O. Lambert, mdse. for Chas. Decoteau,	3 00
“ “ Wm. Syer,	12 00
Mrs. Geo. Menard, care of Geo. Bouthette,	10 50
Mrs. Chas. Menard, “ “ “	10 00
John Moore, rent for Mrs. Kingston,	3 70
C. Brooks, rent for John Corrier,	5 00

Erick Erickson, for rent, Wm. Johnson,	\$5 25
P. J. Audley, Mdse. for Grace Harriman,	3 00
“ Wm. Mitchell,	3 00
Moses Hodgson, for rent, Chas. Decoto,	4 50
“ Mrs. Sullivan,	9 00
Bella Frechette, care Mrs. Cayer,	7 50
O. Chateauney, care Ernest Bailey,	6 00
Paul Ouellette, care Geo. Bouchette,	1 00
M. A. Dean, care Jos. Morrill,	1 50
A. B. Forbush, cash expenses,	19 00
Philip St. Lawrence, casket, Jos. Morrill,	10 00
Mrs. Henry Tachereau care Geo. Bouthette	13 00
W. P. Marden, order Mrs. Tashereau,	3 00
J. A. Champagne M. D., Services,	9 25
Mrs. T. Belangis, rent for Mrs. Guilmette	5 00
O. Chateauney, care E. Bailey,	3 00
Anna Gagnon, care Jos. King,	16 00
Dr. A. Catellier, Services,	3 75
P. E. Beaudoin, meat for Geo. Bouthette	4 26
Geo. Fredette, work “	5 50
Jos. Steinfield, Mdse., H. W. Brown,	1 75
Alex Dubrenil, care Tallion children,	8 00
Androscoggin Hospital Assos., Hennigon and Brown,	115 50
F. B. Locke M. D., attend Mrs. Shaver,	5 25
A. B. Forbush, rent for Mrs. Garmoe, order of J. H. Horne,	5 00
A. B. Forbush, Car fare, H. Brown,	2 50
Fabiala Frechette, care of Mrs. Cayer,	7 50
C. Brooks, rent for John Corrier,	5 00
Mrs. Fred Picard, care A. Bohier,	57 00
“ Peter Dubey,	46 50
Mrs. H. Tachereau, 10 days work,	12 00

Dr. A. Lavallie, attend Bouchette family,	\$ 56 25
Dr. A. Lavallie, attend Pierre Flewrquin,	29 25
“ E. Bailey,	30 00
P. W. McHugh for Mrs. Tashreau,	6 00
J. H. Wight, order Mrs. Jacobs,	7 00
Zelia Keiley, bills to Nov. 10, '96,	34 04
Wilbur Martel, rent for Chateneuf,	8 00
P. St. Lawrence, casket for Sam. Thibault,	8 00
A. B. Forbush, milk, etc., for George Bouthette,	1 56
E. Ericson, rent for Wm. Johnson,	5 25
J. H. Kennedy, rent for Ernest Bailey,	4 00
Greenlaw, Page & Doe Co., bills to Nov. 17, '96.,	42 15
D. Lefebvre, bills of John Duprey and E. Bailey,	38 00
Geo. Fredette, care Geo. Bouchette.	4 00
P. E. Beaudoin, bills to Nov. 24, '96.,	3 50
Berlin Mills Co., bills to Nov. 24, '96.,	103 00
Gilbert & Parent, bills to Nov. 24, '96.,	9 00
Alex Dubriel, board of Tallion children,	8 00
C. Brooks, medicine for Wm. Cayer,	7 50
“ “ Geo. Bouthette,	9 50
“ rent for John Corrier,	5 00
Mrs. Thos. Nedeau, milk for P. Fleuquet,	9 06
Moses Hodgdon, rent for Mrs. Sullivan,	9 00
Dr. A. Lavallee, med. at E. Bailey, Mrs. Tashereau and Mrs. Bretori's child,	44 25
P. St. Lawrence, funeral of F. Brown,	8 00
C. C. Gerrish & Co., mdse. for Chas. Decoto,	12 00
C. C. Gerrish & Co., mdse. for Pierre Floquet,	33 00
C. C. Gerrish & Co., mdse., Mrs. Kingston,	31 88

C. C. Gerrish & Co., mdse., John Garmoe	\$42 00
A. B. Forbush, miscellaneous,	1 00
C. R. Bartlett, rent for Pierre Floquet,	6 00
C. Brooks, medicine for	9 00
J. H. Kennedy, rent for E. Bailey,	6 00
F. X. Barbin, rent for F. Brown,	6 00
E. Ericson, rent for Wm. Johnson,	5 25
Jos. Steinfeld, clothing for Mrs. Sullivan,	8 00
C. C. Gerrish & Co., mdse.,	11 09
Stahl Brothers, mdse. for Mrs. Kingston,	21 00
Alex Dubriel, board of Tallion children,	8 00
A. B. Forbush, miscellaneous,	4 10
P. E. Beaudoin, rent for Charteneuf, or- der Wilbur Martel,	8 00
D. Lefebvre, mdse. for E. Bailey,	21 00
“ “ “ Pierre Nault,	18 00
“ “ “ John Dubrey,	3 00
“ “ “ L. La Brown,	26 00
C. Brooks, rent for John Corrier,	5 00
Twitchell & Holt, wood,	10 88
E. Ericson, rent for Wm. Johnson,	5 25
H. Wertheim, clothes for F. Morin,	1 00
P. E. Beaudoin, E. Bailey, John Corrier and F. Morin,	6 85
Dr. J. A. Champagne, attendance on Mrs. Bouchard,	7 50
John B. Benoit, care of Delvina Bouchard,	4 00
“ “ care of Miss Bouchard,	5 00
Dr. J. A. Champagne, att.	6 00
P. St. Lawrence, wood for Bougie,	6 00
A. B. Forbush, taking men to county farm,	6 80
Androscoggin Hospital Ass'n., care of F. Morin,	11 25
J. H. Kennedy, rent E. Bailey,	4 00

John B. Benoit, care Mrs. Bouchard,	\$6 24
Wilbur Martell, rent of Duxham,	4 50
“ “ Chateneuf,	4 00
Dr. A. Lavallee, care of P. King,	10 00
C. Brooks, rent for John Corrier,	5 00
Gilbert & Parent, rent for Geo. Drapeau,	6 00
Alex Dubriel, care Tallion children,	8 00
Dr. J. A. Champagne, attend'g Mrs. Bouchard,	4 50
Greenlaw, Page & Doe Co., wood for Mrs. Larochele,	2 00
Greenlaw, Page & Doe Co., mdse del Mrs. Tashereau,	5 00
P. E. Beaudoin, shoes Boyle and Morin,	7 00
“ bill, Peter Roi,	5 00
Moses Hodgdon, rent for Mrs. Sullivan,	9 00
P. E. Beaudoin ticket to county farm,	7 90
C. L. Doe, rent for Louis Rheaume,	6 75
P. E. St. Laurent, casket and funeral of Billy Mellin,	7 00
P. E. St. Laurent, casket, etc. Louis Croteau,	8 00
Dr. J. A. Champagne, attending Miss. Bouchard,	1 50
Androscoggin Hospital Ass'n, bills,	25 50

\$2,240 45

TOWN POOR.

A. B. Forbush, for A. Magnussen,	\$ 25 00
P. W. McHugh, medicine for C. Steinburg,	1 00
Alex Dubriel, care Tallion children,	8 00
Arne Oleson, milk for C. Steinburg,	1 50
T. Morin, rent for Frank Dubey,	14 00
Alex Dubriel, board Tallion children,	8 00

Dr. F. B. Locke, med. at. C. Steinburg,	\$ 5 25
C. C. Gerrish & Co., mdse for S. Odette,	10 00
Mads Danielson, rent Martin Rasminson,	4 00
O. Lambert, wood for S. Odette,	1 00
P. W. McHugh, med. for M. Rasminson,	7 80
T. Morin, rent for Frank Dubey,	7 00
A. B. Forbush, expenses to Lancaster,	3 75
Hannah Erickson, care Mrs. A. Magnusen,	8 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	4 00
P. E. Beaudoin, 1-2 wood, Mrs. S. Odette,	1 75
P. St. Laurent, casket and robe for Mrs. A. Magnusen,	11 00
A. B. Forbush, rent for Mrs. Garmoe,	10 00
P. E. Beaudoin, for Geo. Fournier,	12 50
A. B. Forbush, ticket for Geo. Fournier,	8 00
Nels Erickson, milk for M. Rasminson,	2 20
J. H. Kennedy, rent for Sam. Odette,	20 00
A. B. Forbush, J. Horne order,	5 00
Helen Erickson, care A. Magnussen,	8 00
J. H. Kennedy, rent for Sam. Odette,	4 00
Helen Erickson, care Magnussen children,	8 00
A. B. Forbush, rent for Mrs. Garmoe order of John Horne,	5 00
J. H. Kennedy, rent for Sam. Odette,	4 00
A. B. Forbush, rent for Mrs. Garmoe, order of John R. Horne,	5 00
Helen Ericson, care of Magussen children,	8 00
Stearns & Doe Co., mdse for Magnussen,	3 00
J. H. Kennedy, rent for Mrs. Lapoint,	4 00
Mrs. T. Belongis, rent Mrs. Guilmette,	5 50
A. B. Forbush, expenses to Lancaster,	3 00
E. W. Decker, 3 cords wood, F. Hardy,	12 00
J. H. Kennedy, rent for Mrs. Lapoint,	4 00
Felix Blair, rent for M. Contin,	6 00
C. C. Gerrish & Co., mdse for S. Odette,	38 50

A. B. Forbush, taking Mrs. Decker to county farm,	\$7 95
J. H. Kennedy, rent for Mrs. Lapoint,	4 00
A. B. Forbush, cash for Peter Roi,	5 00
A. B. Forbush, 3 mos. rent for Mrs. Gar- moe, order J. R. Horne,	15 00
A. B. Forbush, attendance on Peter Roi, order Dr. Catellier,	15 00
J. H. Kennedy, rent for Mrs. Lapoint,	4 00
P. E. Beaudoin, cash to Peter Roi, and wood for Joe. Nolan,	16 65
A. B. Forbush, cash to Peter Roi,	9 00
J. H. Kennedy, rent for Sam. Lapoint,	4 00
Berlin Dry Goods Co., mdse, Mrs. Hardy,	3 30
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	\$380 65
Received from county on account Taillon, children,	96 00
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	\$284 65

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Berlin:—

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 1896, the county pauper bill for Whitefield was \$1,918.09, Lancaster, \$2,861.60; Berlin, \$1,466.91. I give you these figures to show in part the work done in this department in Berlin. We have as large a population as both towns, yet our bills, as audited to date, were smaller than either of them. These figures were furnished me through the kindness of H. E. Oleson, county auditor.

During the fall of 1896, we had a severe run of typhoid fever, and from September to December 15, I had no less than twenty-seven cases. These are the most expensive of anything. I was kept very busy during that time, and in a few cases, where the patients could

not be moved it was necessary to furnish a nurse, day and night. One of these cases was that of George Bouthette's family, who were very destitute.

I recommended to the county commissioners the appointment of a town or city physician, and believe it would be economy. During the year I have removed as many to the county farm as possible. The only town charge there at present is Mrs. Hardy, (Mrs. Decker).

Through the year I have collected some money which I have turned in to the town treasurer. This will show in his account, and should apply as a credit on our pauper bills. In addition to those the town paid out \$44 for Peter Roi before I ascertained that he was a county charge, since then the charges occur as county, and that amount will be paid back to us at the next April settlement with the commissioners. I also collected from the county \$96 in the case of the Tallion children. This amount was paid out on the supposition that they were town charges. I found them to be county charges, and with these two collections to apply as a credit on this year, makes our town pauper bill \$240.65 for year just ended.

Our county bills are a little larger than last year, owing to the fever cases. I find as our town develops and grows a great many people come in and throw themselves upon us for support. Two cases came in from the lumber camps in Maine because we have a hospital, entered there for treatment, and when it was found that they had no money, sent for me. I have made a very satisfactory arrangement with them, however, board, medical attendance, nursing and medicines, \$1.50 per day. I believe we should encourage them in every possible way, and I believe at present

they need substantial assistance.

We bury the town and county paupers, everything furnished, for \$8, and I do not believe there can be any dissatisfaction with these bills.

I have tried to distribute the grocery trade equally but have found it practically impossible, for in some cases there have been preferences shown to trade at certain places, and whenever orders were given, I have allowed them to trade wherever they wished, and every bill has been rendered and itemized. If there is anyone "milking" the town in this department I am ignorant of it.

At the present writing the pauper bills are light. It is sickness in Berlin that makes paupers. There is plenty of work for those who are able. In some parts of the town we want better sewerage and drainage. Compel them to clean up; Improve our sanitary conditions and you lessen the pauper bills. During the past week I have made an arrangement with the United States Commissioner of Immigration in regard to the railroads bringing in paupers, that I believe will amount to more for the county than anything else I have done. The commissioner, Mr. E. H. Robertson, has been here and looked the matter up thoroughly. Information upon all these matters I will gladly furnish to the next overseer, if the city government choose to appoint.

I have asked this year for an increase in salary of \$25, which was given me by the selectmen, and I consider I have earned it. If there are any who doubt this I will refer them to the selectmen or county commissioners. I desire to thank those who have assisted me during the year. There are a great many kind-hearted people who have done a great deal of good,

there is room for more; confine your missionary work to your own town. It is often hard to know what is best. In some cases experience teaches, but even an Overseer of the Poor can have his duties lightened by the co-operation of the people.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. FORBUSH, Overseer of the Poor.

POLICE.

H. E. Oleson, complaints and warrants,	\$ 4 50
J. F. Bell, sundries,	1 25
Gilbert & Parent, pails for lockup,	70
W. H. Paine, complaints and warrants,	18 00
Firman Gosselin, services,	1 00
A. Pelletier, services,	1 77
Mathias Christianson, special,	3 00
Fred N. Wheeler, conveying Brett and Ward to jail,	14 50
J. E. Parent, special,	2 25
Louis Roderick, special,	4 00
E. N. Soule, witness fees,	77
J. H. Wight, complaints and warrants,	9 00
Jos. Desrobut, keys to lockup,	1 00
Mathias Christianson, services,	4 50
Louis Roderick, services,	2 00
J. E. Parent, special,	3 00
A. Pelletier, special,	2 25
Daley & Goss, complaints and warrants,	5 27
J. C. McCaffery, special,	3 00
O. Lambert, wood for lockup,	3 26
Mathias Christianson, special,	10 50
Firman Gosselin, special,	1 50
M. C. Little & Co., badges and clubs,	10 50
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	1 50
F. Gosselin, special,	6 00

Mathias Christianson, special,	\$1 50
Twitchell & Holt, wood for lockup,	10 00
Fred N. Wheeler, conveying prisoners to jail,	10 40
C. H. Bowker, services at lockup,	1 00
Firman Gosselin, special,	10 50
Firman Gosselin, special,	4 50
A. Pelletier, special,	2 25
Daley & Goss, complaints and warrants,	13 50
F. N. Wheeler, conveying Arthur Dun- ham to jail,	10 40
J. E. Parent, special,	4 75
I. G. Marshall, special,	2 37
Firman Gosselin, special,	1 50
Robert Kilpatrick, special,	2 50
J. H. Wight, complaints and warrants,	51 00
Edward Lambert, special,	10 00
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	1 50
W. H. Paine, complaints and warrants,	6 00
C. N. Hodgdon, wood to date,	4 50
A. Pelletier, special,	1 75
Peter Barbin, special,	10 25
J. E. Parent, special,	6 00
A. Pelletier, special,	3 50
F. N. Wheeler, conveying Heron to jail,	10 40
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	1 50
L. H. Martin, special,	1 50
Pierre Barbin, special,	3 00
A. Pelletier, special,	9 75
J. E. Parent, special,	5 25
B. Brunning, complaints and warrents,	6 00
Robert Kilpatrick, special,	3 24
R. P. Marshall, feeding prisoners,	5 50
Chamberlin & Rich, compts. and warr'ts,	33 00
A. Pelletier, special,	4 50

Edward Lambert, special,	\$7 50
Daley & Goss, complaints and warrants,	13 50
J. E. Parent, special,	4 50
A. Pelletier, special,	2 25
Firman Gosselin, special,	3 00
Pierre Barbin, special,	3 00
J. F. Libby, complaints and warrants,	1 50
J. E. Parent, special,	3 25
A. Pelletier, special,	6 75
Edward Lambert, special,	5 50
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	1 50
W. H. Paine, complaints and warrants,	6 00
J. H. Wight, complaints and warrants,	30 00
A. Pelletier, special,	5 25
Pierre Barbin, special,	1 50
Firmen Gosselin, special,	3 00
J. E. Parent, special,	1 50
A. Pelletier, special,	1 50
R. Kilpatrick, assistance,	1 00
Charles Lebrecque, assistance,	1 50
F. N. Wheeler, conveying prisoners to jail,	45 70
Firman Gosselin, special,	6 75
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	1 50
J. E. Parent, special,	2 50
F. Gosselin, special,	5 25
A. Pelletier, special,	7 50
Stearns & Doe Co., mdse. for lockup,	5 55
Edward Lambert, special,	6 00
Mathias Christianson, special,	4 50
J. H. Wight, complaints and warrants,	27 00
F. N. Wheeler, conveying pris's to jail,	29 20
A. Pelletier, special,	7 50
W. H. Paine, complaints and warrants,	7 50
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	3 00

Joseph Lambert, carrying Wm. Fletcher to jail,	\$8 40
J. E. Parent, special,	6 25
Edward Lambert, special,	6 00
Peter Chassee, special,	2 25
Pierre Barbin, special,	14 25
A. Pelletier, special,	4 50
F. Gosselin, special,	12 00
F. Gosselin, special,	5 50
B. Brunning, complaints and warrants,	3 00
W. H. Paine, complaints and warrants,	12 00
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	1 50
A. Pelletier, special,	6 00
Pierre Barbin, special,	3 00
Edward Lambert, special,	4 50
Fred N. Wheeler, carrying prisoners to jail,	24 90
Daly & Goss, complaints and warrants,	76 00
J. H. Wight, complaints and warrants,	15 00
W. H. Paine, complaints and warrants,	6 00
Greenlaw, Page and Doe Co., bills.	3 89
R. P. Marshall, meals for prisoners,	8 70
Gilbert & Parent, mdse. for lockup,	7 10
J. H. Wight, complaints and warrants,	26 50
A. Pelletier, special,	2 25
O. Lambert, wood for lockup,	5 00
F. N. Wheeler, conveying prisoners to jail,	39 60
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	1 50
Edward Lambert, special,	4 00
J. F. Bell, team,	1 00
C. C. Gerrish & Co., 61 lbs. crackers,	4 88
F. Gosselin, special,	75
A. Pelletier, special,	4 25

R. McGown, special,	\$1 62
J. E. Parent, special,	4 75
Chamberlin & Rich, comps and warrants,	36 00
Irving Stearns, complaints and	“ 24 00
J. H. Wight, “ “	11 00
John T. Youngcliss, witness fees,	1 54
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	1 50
J. H. Wight, G. B. Day order,	2 50
Louis Roderick, special,	15 50
F. N. Wheeler, conveying prisoners,	14 50
F. Gosselin, special,	2 50
A. Pelletier, special,	1 75
Daley & Goss, comps. and warrants,	20 50
A. Pelletier, special,	4 00
J. H. Wight, Complaints and warrants,	4 50
Louis Roderick, special,	6 50
F. Gosselin, special,	3 75
Pierre Barbin, special,	4 75
Berlin Dry Goods Co., Puffs for lockup,	4 00
O. Bouchard, wood for lockup,	5 00
Greenlaw, Page & Doe Co., oil for lockup,	2 45
C. N. Hodgdon, wood for lockup,	15 00
Gilbert & Parent, mdse. for lockup,	3 45
N. Couture, cleaning lockup,	1 50
N. Couture, cleaning police court,	1 50
F. Gosselin, special,	3 00
Irving Stearns, complaints and warrants,	4 50
Robert Kilpatrick, 264 5-6 days at \$1.50,	397 25
John T. Youngcliss, 351 days at \$1.75,	614 25
Joseph Lambert, 364 9-10 days at \$2.00	729 85

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LIQUOR PROSECUTIONS.

I. G. Marshall, searching,	\$4 00
H. E. Oleson, complaint and warrant,	1 50
P. E. Beaudoin, order A. Pelletier,	
searching,	3 50
I. G. Marshall, searching, etc.,	3 00
“ in '93,	15 00
“	13 00
“	19 00
J. E. Parent, searching,	2 77
I. G. Marshall, searching,	8 00
“	7 00
E. McCourt. Macy, five tests of beer,	15 00
I. G. Marshall, searching, etc.,	3 00
John T. Youngcliss, searching and fees,	77 89
A. Pelletier, searching and fees,	14 54
Joseph Lambert, searching and fees,	145 63
J. H. Wight, complaints and warrants,	359 50
Robert Kilpatrick, searching and fees,	56 58
Firmen Gosselin,	6 50

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Robert Snodgrass, labor and material	
on number two hose house,	\$51 49
Peter Peterson, Sec. number one	
alarm, Feb. 12, 1896,	12 00
Peter Peterson, Sec. number one,	
fire on Heights April 13, 1896,	30 00
Peter Peterson, practice, company num-	
ber one to May 5, 1896,	36 00
A. N. Cordwell, Sec. number three	
hose company to May 15, 1896,	66 00
B. S. Haywood, Sec. hook and lad-	
der company to May 15, 1896,	34 00

Herman Martinson, Sec. practice and services, company number two, to May 15, 1896,	\$85 00
Geo. A. Porter, chief, labor to June 1 1896,	15 00
Peter Peterson, Sec. number one, forest fire East Side,	55 00
Robert Snodgrass, labor and material number two hose house,	13 65
Peter Peterson, false alarm July 1, High Street,	12 00
Peter Peterson, fire at Burgess Mill July 1, 1896,	36 00
Peter Peterson, practice three months to August 15,	36 00
Peter Peterson, fire at B. F. Drane's July 21,	12 00
Peter Peterson, chimney burning out at L. C. Beattie's,	10 00
A. N. Cordwell, number three practice and services to August 15,	96 00
B. S. Haywood, hook and ladders and services to August 15,	42 00
Herman Martinson, number two prac- tice and services to August 15,	89 00
Benj. Lessard, services to date,	8 00
Geo. A. Porter, services to date,	15 00
Joseph Roi, sitting post East Side,	1 50
O. W. Fernald & Co., horse hire six mos.	25 00
J. F. Bell, hauling hose,	3 50
A. A. Fancy, work on truck,	2 00
Peter Peterson, Sec. number one service to November 10,	150 00
A. N. Cordwell, number three service to November 17,	179 00

B. S. Hayward, Sec. service to November 17,	\$61 00
Herman Martinson, number two service to November 17,	128 50
W. L. McGivney, key boxes,	3 50
Geo. A. Porter, services,	18 50
J. H. Wight, order Jos. Taillion, sawing wood,	75
Herman Martinson, services and practice to January 12,	136 50
P. St. Lawrence, 1-2 cord wood,	3 00
P. St. Lawrence, trucking to date,	5 25
A. N. Cordwell, Sec. number three services to February 15,	229 00
B. S. Hayward, Sec. services to February 15,	114 50
Peter Peterson, Sec. number one services to February 15,	144 00
Geo. A. Porter, services to February 15,	101 50
Herman Martinson, number two services to February 15,	90 00

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SANITARY.

Charles Labrecque, hauling sand,	1 25
M. A. Deane, work at P. Mathews's,	24 00
M. A. Deane, care of Mulheam family,	8 25
Chas. Labrecque, bills to date,	16 75
Felix Guilmette, labor on sewers,	5 62
Frank Bullard, labor to date,	4 00
Berlin Independent, printing,	14 70
O. W. Fernald & Co., burying horses	10 00
S. E. Paine, sewer on Broad and Fifth streets,	61 83

Charles Labrecque, burying animals,	\$5 00
Frank Bullard, labor,	2 00
Felix Guilmette, labor on sewers,	43 25
W. C. Boothby, distributing notices,	3 00
S. E. Paine, work on sewers,	22 88
Felix Guilmette, work on sewers,	78 56
P. E. Beaudoin, order C. LaBrecque,	5 00
E. E. Burbank, on account,	59 36
L. A. Rowell, cement,	3 60
P. E. Beaudoin, order C. LaBrecque	6 00
C. LaBrecque, burying remains of three cattle,	10 00
Phillip LaPage, burying dog,	3 00
Felix Guilmette, labor to date,	15 93
C. LaBrecque, cleaning dump,	5 00
Felix Guilmette, labor,	38 86
“	33 50
“	6 25
“	20 62
C. L. Doe, order E. A. Burbank,	16 85
C. LaBrecque, work on dump,	8 00
John Gagne, cleaning culvert,	3 00
Felix Guilmette, work on sewers,	111 74
L. A. Rowell, account to October,	9 35
Felix Guilmette, work on sewers,	66 86
L. A. Rowell, account to November 1,	4 50
Gilbert and Parent, account to Novem- ber 14,	11 60
P. E. Beaudoin, order C. LaBrecque,	12 50
J. F. Bell, hauling gravel,	6 24
Gilbert and Parent, bill to date,	7 82
Berlin Mills Co., mdse. on sewers,	189 89
J. W. L. Metze, services to December 22, 1896,	89 50

Felix Guilmette, labor to Jan. 5, 1897.	\$19 51
Felix Guilmette, labor to Jan. 26, 1897.	4 75
C. F. Pope, sulphur and merchandise,	4 00
P. E. Beaudoin, order Chas. LaBrecque,	5 00
M. A. Deane, labor,	3 00
Felix Guilmette, labor to February 9,	40 98
Gilbert and Parent, mdse. for sewers.	3 80
J. Howard Wight, order E. A. Burbank.	2 00

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To the taxpayers of Berlin, N. H.

There has been in the year just passed, as usual, an outbreak of each of the more common contagious diseases, but in no instance have they spread beyond the original house infected, which is evidence of what may be done in such cases by quarentine and fumigation.

Premises have been inspected at regular intervals and the rules and regulations approved by the selectmen and distributed in the spring, relating to sewerage, privies, cleanliness of premises, etc., have been enforced.

The public sewer has been extended up High street to height of land on that street, from sewer in front of the High school to take in tenements back of same, from Post-office square through Exchange street to Grand Trunk depot and extended on Stearns street to large tenement house known as Mt. Forsit house. This is greater addition than has been made to our sewer system in some years, and does away with the worst cases of surface drainage.

We would recommend that in future the duties of this department be intrusted to a city physician and

health officer, the physician to have charge of quarentine, fumigation, vaccination, analysis and other matters requiring technical knowledge, while the constant house to house inspection needed during the warm months be intrusted to the health officers.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BOWKER, } Board of
A. LAVALLEE, } Health

HIGHWAYS.

S. E. Paine, highway agent,	\$100 00
J. F. Bell, highway agent, 1895, settlement,	68 11
S. E. Paine, highway agent,	100 00
" "	200 00
" "	100 00
" "	400 00
" "	300 00
" "	100 00
" "	500 00
" "	1,000 00
" "	400 00
" "	300 00
Grand Trunk R. R. Co.. damages Hill-side Avenue, '95 extension,	75 00
J. A. Letourneau, service. notice on B. & M.,	1 62
S. E. Paine, highway agent,	300 00
" "	500 00
W. C. Perkins, damages, laying out Spring St., assessed by selectmen,	75 00
S. E. Paine, highway agent,	500 00
" "	500 00
" "	200 00
" "	200 00

S. E. Paine, highway agent,	\$250 00
“ bill at Berlin Mills Co., lumber,	1,105 64
S. E. Paine, services of Ed. Hamel,	27 75
“ highway agent,	103 00
“ “	49 00
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SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS.

Library.

Orders to Dr. H. W. Johnson,	\$500 00
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Memorial Day.

J. T. Chapman,	\$100 00
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Hydrant Account.

J. F. Libby, rental of 46 hydrants from	
July '96., to Jan. 1, '97.,	\$920 50
Rental of fountain, P. O. square,	1 00
J. F. Libby, rental of 46 hydrants from	
Jan. 1, to July 1, '97.	920 50
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	\$1,842 00

County Tax.

J. A. Letourneau, order	\$ 500 00
J. A. Letourneau, order,	2,500 00
J. A. Letourneau, order,	1,635 00
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	\$4,635 00

State Tax.

J. A. Letourneau, order,	\$3,270 00
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School Bonds.

J. A. Letourneau, order,	\$1,000 00
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Sinking Fund.

J. A. Letourneau, order,	\$3,500 00
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Fire Alarm.

J. A. Letourneau, Gamerwell fire alarm,	\$1,000 00
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Electric Lights.

C. F. Dustin, order Electric Light Co.,	\$175 00
“ “ “ “	175 00
“ “ “ “	150 00
“ “ “ “	224 39
J. P. Dubey, “ “ “	150 00
“ “ “ “	100 00
John B. Noyes, tax '96., “ “	87 50
Berlin Savings Bank, and Trust Co., or- der Electric Light Co., in full settle- ment to February 15, '97.	952 67

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New Hose House, No. 1.

Joseph Rechar, work on house,	\$ 11 37
Fred Rose, work on house,	17 50
Eugene Mason, work on house,	6 65
Fred Rose, work on house,	27 50
Philip Lapage, carting,	1 50
A. A. Fancy, Truss for building,	9 00
John McCurdy, work on house,	27 50
John Garnoe, work on house,	8 25
Alfred Lamon, work on house,	1 50
Joseph Rechar, work on house,	24 50
Fred Rose, work on house,	13 75
J. A. Hodgdon, merchandise,	2 35
Berlin Mills Co., lumber, etc.,	223 80
Fred Rose, labor,	1 00
W. L. McGivney, merchandise,	21 42

Berlin Mills Co., lot for house,	\$130 00
Gilbert & Parent, hardware,	8 93

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MISCELLANEOUS.

B. F. Deane, 1-2 cord wood,	\$ 2 25
J. A. Letourneau, invoice record book,	10 00
Fernald & McDonald, horse for hook and ladder Co.,	6 00
W. C. Boothby, order Board of Health,	4 50
J. A. Letourneau, telegrams, etc.,	27 89
A. D. Teare, care of hydrants to March 1, 1896,	15 00
J. F. Bell, balance salary Highway agt, for 1896,	100 00
J. F. Bell, hauling rocks,	5 00
W. A. Boothby, printing, etc.,	34 40
H. E. Oleson, postage, expense etc.,	6 00
W. McGivney, use of team,	2 50
A. L. Knowlton, use of telephone,	1 15
F. N. Wheeler, Insurance,	42 75
A. H. Eastman, W. A. Boothby, order,	150 00
F. B. Locke, births & deaths to Dec. 31,	7 75
N. Couture, cleaning lockup and selectmen's room,	4 75
C. C. Gerrish & Co. order, W. A. Boothby,	33 84
G. S. Wilson, wrappers,	7 70
J. A. Latourneau, rubber stamp,	1 40
E. A. Steady, rent Whitney Opera house	25 00
J. A. Letourneau, telegrams etc.,	20 82
J. H. Wight, order, W. A. Boothby,	100 00
A. D. Teare, care of hydrants, to Apr. 1,	15 00
G. P. Bickford, Insurance,	3 13
J. A. Letourneau, brokerage on \$10,000 and postage,	25 40

E. M. Cross, Account to date,	\$1 05
E. A. Burbank, Account to date,	3 36
Daniel Green Land Co., rent of lockup land,	20 00
J. A. Letourneau, Tax collectors book,	2 31
A. H. Gerrish, order, G. B. Day, teams,	3 00
E. McCourt Macy, Services to date,	25 50
J. A. Pike, making valuation schedule of timber lots,	5 00
E. J. Barney, printing to date,	3 05
N. Couture, cleaning police court,	2 00
Chamberlin & Rich, consultation to date,	4 00
S. M. Garmoe, reporting marriages,	2 00
C. LaBrecque, killing dogs to date,	1 50
P. E. Beaudoin, order A. Catellier on births,	9 75
Charles LaBrecque, killing 4 dogs,	6 00
Wheeler & Woodard, Insurance,	46 17
C. L. Doe, printing tax bill,	6 00
W. C. Perkins, Surveying to date,	4 00
C. L. Doe, Writ book and express,	5 40
J. A. Letourneau, books for marriages etc.	8 00
W. L. Evans, killing a bear,	5 00
Wheeler & Woodard, insurance on Library,	35 00
A. N. Cordwell, bounty on bear,	5 00
J. A. Letourneau com. postage telegrams,	14 87
C. LaBrecque, killing 3 dogs,	4 50
James Sheridan, damage to wagon,	2 30
J. A. Letourneau, telegrams, discount,	19 53
A. Peltelier, repairing lockup,	1 00
W. A. Boothby, Police labels and check lists,	12 00
Joseph Gray, bounty on bear,	5 00
C. LaBrecque, killing dogs,	4 50

John B. Noyes, Land Rent Lockup,	\$10 44
J. A. Hodgden, account to date,	28 10
G. F. Rich, criminal docket,	12 00
Wheeler and Woodward, insurance,	15 00
A. B. Forbush, rent of Whitney Opera house,	15 00
C. LaBrecque, killing dogs,	6 00
W. A. Boothby, printing,	5 00
J. A. Letourneau, postage expense etc.,	53 06
E. A. Burbank, work on fountain etc.,	2 75
S. T. Bickford, moving lockup,	37 50
Philip LaPage, team to Tuttle bridge,	1 00
W. W. Burlingame, insurance,	3 00
H. F. Marston, meals to date,	26 00
A. B. Forbush, order Dr. A. Catellier births and deaths,	8 25
Chamberlin and Rich, consultation,	2 00
Dr. A. Lavallee, births and deaths,	56 00
J. H. Wight, express charges,	1 30
Dr. J. A. Champagne, reporting births and deaths,	5 00
J. H. Wight, order E. A. Burbank, bill to date,	2 65
Rev. E. D. Mackey, certificates of mar- riages,	2 25
G. P. Bickford, insurance,	46 88
J. A. Letourneau, postage com. and telegrams,	23 80
J. A. Letourneau, prisoners in jail,	235 20
“ land rent for hose house number three,	90 00
J. A. Letourneau, record book for town clerk,	11 50
J. A. Letourneau, blue vitrol,	5 00
Wheeler and Woodward, insurance,	75 00

Philip St. Laurent, team,	\$ 75
B. Brunning, certificates,	6 50
C. L. Doe, recording marriages, births and deaths,	77 60
G. E. Kent, making coupling for hose,	11 00
Wallace Graves, care of hydrants to February 1, 1895,	45 00
E. J. Barney, printing,	9 25
C. N. Hodgden, use of water tub,	3 00
“ wood for number three hose Co.,	2 00
J. J. Cobb, certificates of births and deaths,	7 25
Wheeler and Woodward, insurance	44 50
J. A. Letourneau, charter, city of Berlin,	11 75
“ brokerage, postage and telegrams,	38 92
J. A. Letourneau, brokerage, postage and telegrams,	32 54
J. A. Letourneau, hose,	136 00
Berlin Aqueduct Co., bill, '95 fountain work,	12 21
H. F. Marston, bridge commission,	27 00
J. A. Letourneau, Gamewell Co., bills,	43 81
J. H. Wight, recording deeds and ink,	1 55
F. M. Clement, rent of offices,	125 00
J. H. Wight freight and carting hose,	2 82
Persis G. Clark, land damages and sewer pipe as recommended by sewer committee,	40 00

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OFFICIAL SERVICES.

J. Howard Wight, supervisor,	\$20 50
Geo. F. Rich, Police Court Justice,	43 05
Fred N. Wheeler, auditor,	10 50
Philip E. Beaudoin, supervisor March meeeting,	14 00
P. E. Beaudoin, supervisor shoe factory meeting,	3 00
A. P. Bergqvist, supervisor March,	14 00
L. H. Martin, ballot clerk,	4 00
D. J. Daley, auditor, 1895,	15 00
C. C. Gerrish, selectman,	60 00
I. W. Aubin, truant officer,	44 50
J. Howard Wight, selectman,	200 00
Geo. F. Rich, police justice,	100 00
C. H. Bowker, health officer,	40 00
P. E. Beaudoin, selectman,	150 00
A. B. Forbush, overseer of the poor,	100 00
C. C. Gerrish, selectman,	60 00
Geo. F. Rich, police justice,	100 00
F. D. Bartlett, moderator,	15 00
C. C. Gerrish, selectman,	30 00
Edward Lambert, ballot clerk,	6 00
Jules E. Parent, ballot clerk,	6 00
Geo. F. Rich, supervisor,	18 00
Waldo Babson, ballot clerk,	6 00
J. Howard Wight, selectman,	150 00
A. Lavallee, health officer,	50 00
A. P. Bergqvist, supervisor,	16 00
John B. Gilbert, supervisor,	16 00
C. C. Cerrish, selectman,	60 00
Geo. F. Rich, police justice,	100 00
Philip E. Beaudoin, selectman,	150 00
J. Howard Wight, selectman,	100 00
A. B. Forbush, Overseer of Poor,	200 00

C. L. Doe, Town Clerk,	\$150 00
F. D. Bartlett, School Board,	50 00
“ Moderator,	10 00
C. H. Bowker, health officer,	85 00
A. Lavallee “	75 00
Geo. F. Rich, Police Justice,	50 00
Fred Oleson, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
John B. Gilbert, “	4 00
H. W. Johnson, School Com.	100 00
Alice G. Mason, “	25 00
P. E. Beaudoin, Selectman,	25 00
C. C. Gerrish, “	115 00
J. Howard Wight, Selectman,	100 00
J. A. Letourneau, Treasurer,	150 00
John B. Noyes, ballot inspector,	3 00
John B. Noyes, Tax Collector,	600 00

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ABATEMENTS.

John W. Greenlaw, property taxed in Errol,	62 58
John B. Gilbert, collector, error on lots '95 tax,	15 84
C. L. Doe, collector, Daley & Paine, error in '95	39 36
C. L. Doe, collector, J. D. Lary, error, '95,	13 53
“ “ error in 1895. tax	
Fournier & Lemeux,	27 09
Mrs. P. Larochele, error in valuation,	5 00
John Corou, error in '95 tax,	2 68
John McCurdy, error in '96, over val- uation,	5 00
Anderson Bros., error in '96, over val- uation,	2 50

James Malony, error in '96, over valuation,	\$5 00
John B. Noyes, error in '96, over valuation on A. R. Evans house,	5 00
Alex Dubraille, error in '96 over valuation,	2 50
E. Roby, error in '96, over valuation,	5 00
John Goebel, error in '96, over valuation,	25 00
C. L. Doe, error in '96, over valuation,	12 50
Mary Moore, error on lots,	2 50
Thomas Hanley, error in valuation, '96,	2 50
E. S. Eggleston, "	5 00
Wm. DeWolfe, "	10 00
James Maloy, "	3 75
Leslie & Rowell Bros., "	29 25
Lester A. Rowell, "	10 00
Mrs. Lester A. Rowell, "	5 00
Mrs. Margarette Kelly, "	5 00
F. D. Bartlett, error,	5 00
John B. Noyes, error in Mrs. Ross' tax,	5 00
Moses Hodgdon, over 70 years,	2 50

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NOTES.

J. A. Letourneau, Treas. Note,	\$5,000
" "	5,000
" "	5,000
" "	5,000
" 3 notes, \$10,000 each,	30,000
" Treas. Note,	5,000
" 2 notes \$6,000 and \$3,000,	9,000
" 2 notes \$1,000 each,	2,000
" 2 notes \$5,000 each,	10,000
" Treas. Note,	5,000

J. A. Letourneau, 3 notes \$10,000 each,	\$30,000
“ 3 notes, \$5,000 each,	15,000
“ 2 notes, \$10,000 each,	20,000
“ Treas. Note,	10,000
“ 2 notes \$5,000 each,	10,000
“ “	10,000
“ Treas. Note, Saving Bank and Trust Co.,	1,000
“ Treas. Note, Saving Bank and Trust Co.,	5,000
“ 3 notes \$5,000 each,	15,000
“ Treas. Note,	10,000
“ 2 notes, \$10,000 each	20,000
“ “ \$5,000 “	10,000
“ Treas. Note,	10,000

\$247,000.

INTEREST.

J. A. Letourneau, discount on note,	200 00
“ on \$30,000 loan,	500 00
“ on note,	97 43
“ discount on note,	230 91
“ on note at Berlin	
Savings Bank,	28 00
J. A. Letourneau, on note at Berlin	
Savings Bank,	40 66
J. A. Letourneau, on Hodgdon note,	17 60
“ on Twitchell note	27 00
“ on school bonds	240 00
“ on \$70,000 bond,	1,575 00
“ on \$10,000 note	170 00
“ on \$5,000 note,	83 33
“ on \$30,000 note,	396 80
“ “	87 50

J. A. Letourneau, on \$15,000 note,	\$525 00
" on note,	15 00
" \$10,000 note,	200 00
" E. H. Rollins & Son,	
note,	494 16
J. A. Letourneau, on \$5,000 note,	129 17
" " "	133 33
" note at Berlin Sav-	
ings Bank and Trust Co.	10 00
J. A. Letourneau, on \$9750.95	249 05
" on school bonds,	240 00
" on \$70,000 bonds	1,575 00
" at S. B. and T. Co.,	37 83
" on Jewell note,	27 00
" on Hodgdon note,	17 00
" on \$15,000 loan,	250 00
" on \$5,000 loan,	11 81
" on \$15,000 loan,	4 17
" on money at Nation-	
al bank,	15 37
J. A. Letourneau, at Savings Bank and	
Trust Co.,	10 00
J. A. Letourneau, on note,	40 00
" on \$10,000 loan,	75 00
" on \$20,000 "	133 34
" on \$10,000 "	83 34
" " "	75 00
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	\$8,044 20

RECAPITULATION.

County poor,	\$2,240 45
Town poor,	380 65
Police department,	2,894 16
Highways,	7,455 12

Liquor prosecutions,	\$755 40
Fire department,	2,151 14
Sanitary,	1,129 10
Library,	500 00
Memorial day,	100 00
Hydrant account,	1,842 00
County tax,	4,635 00
State tax,	3,270 00
School bonds,	1,000 00
Sinking fund,	3,500 00
Fire alarm,	1,000 00
Electric Lights,	2,014 56
New hose house No. 1,	536 52
Miscellaneous,	2,377 09
Interest,	8,044 20
Official services,	3,453 55
Abatements,	314 08
Notes,	247,000 00

\$296,593 02

We have examined the accounts of the selectmen of the town of Berlin, N. H., for the year ending February 15, 1897, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

IRVING STEARNS,	} Auditors.
JOSEPH H. BATES,	
SCOTT. J. MASON,	

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Abstract of receipts and disbursements:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 15, 1896,	\$ 2,178 29
Total receipts during the year,	313,557 93
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	\$315,736 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during year,	\$308,930 07
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897,	6,806 15
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	\$315,736 22

DEBT.

Liabilities, February 15, 1896,	\$165,254 57
Assets, February 15, 1896,	66,197 64
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Balance against the town, Feb. 15, '96,	\$99,066 93

Liabilities, February 15, 1897,	\$150,159 83
Assets, February 15, 1897,	59,571 44
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Balance against the town Feb. 15, '96.,	\$90,588 39
Decrease of debt during the year,	<hr/>
	\$8,478 54

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 15, 1896,	\$2,178 29
Taxes from collectors:	
J. B. Gilbert, collector, 1893,	1,000 00
J. B. Noyes, collector, 1894,	585 00
C. L. Doe, collector, 1895,	17,976 54
J. B. Noyes, collector, 1896,	40,500 00

State of New Hampshire:

Savings Bank tax,	\$642 27
Literary fund,	385 00
Railroad tax,	39 35
Geo. F. Rich, Police Court,	6,293 14

Board of Education:

Part of 1894 loan repaid,	800 00
Part of 1895 loan repaid,	1,560 00
Interest on 1894 loan,	96 00
Interest on 1895 loan,	280 80
County pauper bills,	1,466 91

\$90 of these bills paid by town of
Berlin on account of rebate on town
pauper bills.

Forest Fibre Co., mill A 1893 taxes,	742 87
B “	3,006 42
Interest on 1893 taxes,	899 60
sinking fund,	606 26
Licenses collected by town clerk and J. Howard Wight,	376 58
Blanchard & Twitchell Co, bill,	25 00
Grand Trunk railway, bill,	107 85
Stearns & Doe Co., bill,	69 22
Fire department, paid by Berlin Aque- duct Co., for damage to hose,	60 00
County paupers, paid to A. B. Forbush by Aime Lamarre,	18 00
Town paupers, paid to A. B. Forbush by John Mansfield,	5 00
Paid to A. B. Forbush by J. Duchesne,	16 12
Town notes given 2, 4 and 6 months,	236,000 00

\$315,736 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Outstanding orders, 1895,	\$ 91 01
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Orders of 1886 as follows:

Highways,	7,455 12
Police,	2,889 66
Miscellaneous,	2,320 51
County Paupers,	2,231 95
Town Paupers,	380 65
Liquor Prosecutions,	741 90
Sanitary,	1,129 10
Fire Department,	2,151 14
Abatements,	266 58
Official services,	3,453 55
Interest,	8,044 20

Special Miscellaneous:

Sinking fund,	3,500 00
School fund,	1,000 00
County tax,	4,635 00
State tax,	3,270 00
Other Orders,	5,643 08
Berlin Electric Light Co., due in '95,	350 00

Board of Education:

Support of Schools,	7,000 00
To pay part of 1894 loan,	800 00
To pay part of 1895 loan,	1,560 00
Repairs of school houses,	1,000 00
Books and supplies,	500 00
Seats and blackboards,	300 00
Blinds,	150 00
Savings Bank tax,	644 27
Literary fund,	385 00
Railroad tax,	39 35
Town notes,	247,000 00

Cash on hand,	\$6,806 15
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	\$315,736 22

LIABILITIES.

George E. Buck, note, 4 per cent,	\$1,000 00
Arvilla Hodgdon, note 4 1-4 per cent,	400 00
Edith Twitchell, " 4 1-2 "	600 00
Berlin S. B. & T. Co., note, 6 per cent,	1,000 00
" "	1,000 00
Note due April 10, 1897, 5 per cent,	5,000 00
" "	5,000 00
" "	5,000 00
Note due April 5, 1897, 4 1-2 per cent,	10,000 00
" 8, 4 per cent,	5,000 00
" " "	5,000 00
" " "	10,000 00
" 15 5 per cent,	10,000 00
" " 4 1-2 per cent,	5,000 00
" " "	5,000 00
Town bonds, first issue, 4 "	11,000 00
" second issue, 4 1-2,	70,000 00
Outstanding orders, 1894,	8 77
" 1895,	20 50
Outstanding orders 1896:	
Police,	4 50
County paupers,	8 50
Miscellaneous,	56 56
Abatements,	47 50
Liquor prosecutions,	13 50

\$150,159 83

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15 '97, \$6,806 15

Board of Education, due on '94 loan,	\$1,600 00
Board of Education, due on '95 loan,	4,680 00
J. B. Gilbert, collector, 1893,	900 81
J. B. Noyes, collector, 1894,	1,615 00
C. L. Doe, collector, 1895,	1,373 59
J. B. Noyes, collector, 1896,	10,866 08
Sinking fund,	14,000 00
Berlin Shoe Factory Co., lien,	15,000 00
Berlin Shoe Factory Co., Interest,	1,207 50
Berlin Shoe Factory Co., miscel. act.,	116 60
F. Breton, taxes 1893,	4 34
Geo. Dion, taxes 1893,	5 00
A. C. Gillis, taxes 1893,	5 36
Interest on taxes, 1893,	4 82
Due from Mrs C. E. Green,	61 43
" David Walsh,	15 00
County, for Pauper bills,	1,309 76
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	\$59,571 44

RECAPITULATION.

Total liabilities, February 15, 1897,	\$150,159 83
Total assets, February 15, 1897,	59,571 44
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Balance against the town,	\$90,588 39
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Net debt February 15, 1896,	\$99,066 93
Net debt February 15, 1897,	90,588 39
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Decrease of debt for fiscal year ending	
February 15, 1897.	\$8,478 54

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LETOURNEAU, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of J. A. Letourneau treasurer of the town of Berlin, N. H., for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1897, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

IRVING STEARNS,
JOSEPH H. BATES, } Auditors.
SCOTT J. MASON, }

Berlin, N. H., February 24, 1897.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT.

Joseph Telyer, 4 hrs.	\$ 50
Foss T. McNally, 4 hrs.	50
Joseph Markee, 3 dys. 8 hrs.	4 75
Ed. Davidson, 2 dys. 8 hrs.	3 50
Edward Coture, 10 1-2 hrs.	1 32
Joseph Dubey, 1 dy. 6 1-2 hrs.	2 06
Geo. B. Day, 1 dy. 5 hrs.	1 88
Geo. B. Day, team and man, 32 hrs.	10 40
Joseph Markee, 3 days,	3 75
Joseph Dubey, "	3 75
Daniel Fox, 3 1-2 days,	4 38
Peter Lacourse 7 dys. and 9 hrs. with team	3 82
John B. Davis 1 dy.	1 24
Peter Lacourse, 4 hrs. with d'ble. team,	1 30
W. T. Glavin, 8 hours work,	1 00
R. Higgins, "	1 00
Jos. Markee, 3 dys. 7 hrs.	4 63
Daniel Fox, 2 1-2 dys.	3 12
A. Morris, 2 hrs.	25
Peter Lacourse, 3 hrs.	37
" 1 dy. with double team,	3 25
Daniel Fox, 9 3-4 dys.	12 19
Joseph Markee, 4 dys. 8 1-2, hrs.	6 06
Geo. Day, 1 dy. 2 hrs.	1 50
" 2 1-2 dys. with double team	8 12
" 1-2 day without man,	1 01
Mark Holland, 1 1-2 dy.	2 00
Wm. H. Paine, making contract,	1 00
Peter Lacourse 8 1-2 dy. with d'ble team,	27 62
S. E. Paine, 28 dys. with single team,	98 00
Rowell Cate, building culvert, Sterns St.	24 00

Peter McLaughlin, 2 dys. 1 1-2 hr.	\$2 69
D. N. Newton, 6 dys.	7 50
Dan Fox, 10 dys. 2 hrs.	12 75
Geo. B. Day, 10 dys. 2 hrs. with d team,	33 15
Jos. Markee, 5 hrs. labor,	63
S. M. Newton, 9 dys. 1 hr.	11 37
Ozmon Fernald, 3 1-2 hrs.	1 13
John Dubey, 7 dys. 1 hr.	10 65
Moses Hodgdon 8 1-2 hrs.	2 13
S. T. Bickford, 4 dys. 8 hrs.	12 00
Jos. Dubey, 1 dy. 7 hrs.	2 12
D. Lewis, 3 dys. 3 hrs.	4 12
W. H. Paine, making contract	1 00
Finnion Gosselin, b'ld'ng culvert on Jericho Road,	85 00
N. Erickson, 1 day,	1 25
C. F. Blackbuerg, 1 day,	1 25
Lessor Bessor, 4 dys. 7 hrs.	5 88
“ 1 1-4 dys. man, 4 horses,	6 56
Dan Fox, 13 dys. work,	19 50
Geo. B. Day, 14 dys. with man and team,	46 00
Moving Road machine,	50
S. F. Newton, 4 1-2 dys. labor,	5 62
“ 9 dys. with man and team,	29 25
D. N. Newton, 5 dys. labor,	6 25
Charles DeCota, 3-4 dys. work,	96
Nelson DeCota, 13 3-4 dys. work,	17 18
Walter Dorey, 9 dys. labor,	11 25
Augustus Lemere, 10 1-2 dys. work,	13 14
Peter McLaughlin, 10 1-2 dys. work,	13 14
John Werner, 11 1-4 dys. work,	14 00
S. T. Bickford, 5 1-2 dys. work,	13 75
John Dubey, 9 dys. labor,	13 50

Henry Mooney, 5 dys. labor,	\$6 25
Charles Gray, 3 dys. work,	3 75
A. Luvis, 8 1-2 dys. work,	10 62
P. Laflamme 9 1-2 dys. work,	11 87
Elic McDonald, 3 1-2 days,	4 37
C. Moran, 7 dy. work,	8 75
Moses Hodgdon, 3 1-2dys. work,	8 75
O. Peterson, 7 dys. work,	8 75
O. Thompson, 7 dys. labor,	8 75
A. Bueduc, 1 day work,	1 25
A. Moran, 2 days labor,	2 50
A. Smith, 2 days labor,	2 50
Horace Nay, 2 days with double team,	6 50
Charles Lessard, 7 dys. with single team,	15 75
Joseph Coture, 3-4 day work,	94
“ 3 1-2 days with man and double team,	11 37
Paul Willette, 3 1-2 days work,	4 37
F. Bushey, 3 1-2 days work,	4 37
Harry Guillmette, 1 days work,	1 25
Charles Gray, 1-2 days work,	75
Henry Mooney, 1 days work,	1 25
S. T. Bickford, 1 days work,	2 50
S. E. Paine, 10 1-2 days work with d. T.	34 12
H. Paine, 4 days work,	4 00
S. E. Paine, 19 days work, single team,	66 50
Anthony Smith, 4 days work,	5 00
A. Leuvis, 7 days work,	8 75
Ruel Cate, building culvert on Jericho rd.	30 00
O. Thompson, 4 days work,	5 00
O. Peterson, 4 days work,	5 00
Dan Fox, 8 days work,	12 00
L. T. Newton, 7 1-2 days, double team,	24 37
Joseph Coture, 8 “	26 00

Horace Nay, 8	"	26 00
Geo. B. Day, 4 days with team and man,		13 00
A. Leuvis, 2 days work,		2 50
A. Moran, 5 1-2 days work,		6 88
Augustus Lemere, 8 days work,		10 00
F. Bushey, 8 days work,		10 00
B. Barney,	"	10 00
H. Guilmette, 5 1-2 days work,		6 88
John Greenlaw, 2 days work, 6 horse		
team and man,		15 00
L. Laflamme, 4 days work,		5 00
John Dubey, 8 days work,		12 00
L. Bickford, 4 days, work,		10 00
"	to incidentals,	1 20
J. Werner, 4 1-2 days work,		5 62
Peter McLaughlin, 4 days work,		5 00
C. Moran, 8 days work,		10 00
C. DeCota, 6 1-4 days work,		7 81
C. McPherson, 4 days work,		5 00
R. Cota, 7 1-2 days work,		9 37
P. Laroshall, 1 1-2 days work,		1 88
D. M. Newton, 2 1-2 days work,		3 13
P. Murray, 2 days work,		2 50
Wm. Horn, 3 days work,		6 50
James Perry, paid acct. on stone work,		200 00
Roach & Monahan, building concrete		
sidewalk on Mechanic St.,		72 55
Archie Gonya, 1 days work,		1 25
Moses O. Hodgdon, 1-4 days work		63
J. Rabisher, 1 day work,		1 25
J. D. Duke, 1 day work,		1 50
F. Murray, 2 days work,		2 50
James Perry, pd. bal. on 842 ft. Edge		
stone,		557 80

Horace Nay, 4 days with double team,	\$13 00
S. E. Paine, 3 1-2 days d. team and man,	11 37
“ “ 1 man,	4 38
“ to 1 stone drag,	5 00
“ to 1 plow 2 days,	1 00
“ 11 days work, single team,	38 50
Daniel Fox, 7 days labor,	10 50
L. T. Newton, 7 1-2 days with d'ble team,	24 37
Joseph Coture, 8 dys. 6 hrs. with d. team,	27 95
Horace Nay, 5 1-2 days with d. team,	17 87
A. Lewis, 9 days with double team,	11 25
Augustus Lemere, 8 days labor,	10 00
P. Willette, 8 days work,	10 00
F. Bushey, 1 day,	1 25
B. Barney, 9 days work,	11 25
H. Guilmette, 1 1-2 days work,	1 88
John Duby, 9 days,	13 50
J. Werner, 1-2 day,	63
Peter McLaughlin, 5 days, 8 hours,	7 25
C. Moran, 9 days,	11 25
Ruel Cate, 1 day,	1 25
D. N. Newton, 5 days, 3 hours,	6 62
P. Murray, 6 days 8 hours,	8 50
Sam DeCota, 6 days, with d. team,	19 50
Irving Stearns, 1 day work with d. team,	3 25
Louis Lapoint, 1-2 day, “	1 63
L. Desslier, 6 days, “	19 50
Peter Larochele, 5 1-2 days,	6 88
Charles Lessard, 3 days with s. team,	6 75
L. T. Newton, 1 day 3 hours,	4 22
S. T. Bickford, 1 day work,	2 50
Charlie Dale, 1 day work,	1 25
Roach & Monohan, 756 yds. concrete,	378 00
162 1-3 yds. concrete crossings,	121 75

Concrete front of bank,	\$12 00
“ school at Jericho,	7 00
Roach & Monohan, 8 days labor,	10 00
Paul Willett, 5 days work;,	6 25
Charles Lessard, 2 days with single team,	4 50
Roach & Monahan, rep. concrete walk,	2 00
Charles Lebrecque, 1 day work,	1 25
Roach & Monahan, covering concrete walk front of bank,	6 90
Thomas Mullen, 2 days work,	2 50
Alphonse Leclerc, 46 hrs. on Cates Hill rd.	5 75
“ 9 “	2 25
Joseph Coture, 4 days with double team,	13 00
P. Willette, 4 days work,	5 00
Augustus Lemere, 7 days,	8 75
A. Luvis, 8 days work,	10 00
Louis Desluis, 8 days with double team,	26 00
John Dubey, 8 1-2 days work,	12 75
B. Barney, “	10 63
C. Moran, “	10 63
L. T. Newton, 7 days with double team,	22 75
P. Larochelle, 7 days work,	8 75
S. T. Newton, 1-2 days work d. team,	1 62
Charles Lessard, 3 hrs. work, s. team,	68
D. N. Newton, 7 1-2 days work,	9 38
P. St. Charles, 2 days work,	2 50
P. McLaughlin, 4 1-2 days work,	5 63
George Markee, 4 days work,	5 00
S. E. Paine, 7 days, man and d. team,	22 75
“ 1 man 4 days,	5 00
“ and team 14 days,	49 00
P. Larochelle, 1 day work,	1 25
John Greenlaw, 1 day, 6 horses and man.	7 50
George Markee, 1 day work,	1 25

Berlin Mfg. Co., lumber,	\$115 00
Paul Willette, 3 days work,	3 75
Jos. Coture, 7 days, 2 hours, d. team.	23 40
A. Leuvis, 1 1-2 days,	1 88
Augustus Lemere, 10 1-2 days,	13 13
Louis Desslais, 1 day, 3 hours,	4 22
" 1-2 day,	63
B. Barney, 1 days work,	1 25
C. Moran, 2 "	2 50
S. T. Newton, 1-2 day,	63
D. N. Newton, 1-2 day,	63
George Markee, 1 1-2 days work,	1 88
Louis Sanachell, 2 days work,	2 50
Wm. H. Paine, services,	25 00
Joseph Coture, 8 days with double team,	26 00
Augustus Lemere, 12 days work,	15 00
S. T. Newton, 9 days with d. team,	29 25
" 2 days work,	2 50
D. W. Newton, 10 days work,	12 50
P. Willette, 2 1-2 days work,	3 13
John Dubey, 5 1-4 "	7 88
Victor Bashow, 1 1-2 "	1 88
S. Paine, 4 men on iron bridge, 1 day,	5 00
Howard Dyer, 2 days work with d. team,	6 50
" 2 men 2 days,	5 00
Alex King, stone.	2 00
E. A. Burbank, 54 ft. sewer pipe,	4 05
S. E. Paine, 5 1-2 days work, d. team,	17 88
" " "	6 88
" " "	6 88
" 20 days work with s. team,	70 00
C. Morin, 15 1-2 days work,	19 38
J. Fred Bell, 440 loads gravel,	44 00
Charles Lessard, 2 days work,	4 50
John Greenlaw, 1 day work,	1 50

Joseph Coture, 2 days, 3 hours work,	\$7 48
“ 1-2 days work,	63
Augustus Lemere, 14 1-2 days work,	18 13
John Dubey, 12 days work,	18 00
Louis Dessault, 6 days 3 hours work,	20 48
John Dubey, 1 day, 8 hours work,	2 70
S. E. Paine, 6 days work,	7 50
Joseph Coture, 4 days 48 min. d team,	13 26
N. Lacourse, 12 days work,	15 00
Arthur Lacourse, 11 days work,	13 75
S. E. Paine, 1 day, team,	3 25
“ 2 men,	5 75
S. E. Paine, 7 1-2 days with 2 horses,	24 37
“ 4 days,	5 00
“ 26 days with team,	91 00
John Dubey, 7 days,	10 50
“ 5 1-2 days,	8 25
Alonzo Lewis, 13 days,	16 25
Henry Guilmette, 2 days,	2 50
S. E. Paine, 14 1-2 days with team,	47 12
Lezor Bison, 4 days 9 hours,	16 00
Fred Guilmette, 6 days 4 hours,	8 00
Jos. Couture, 5 1-2 days with team,	17 87
S. E. Paine, 21 1-2 days with team,	75 25
“ 7 1-2 days man and team,	24 37
W. H. Paine, services,	16 00
Rowell Cote, 1 day,	2 00
“ 2 days,	3 00
“ 3-4 day with horse,	1 88
N. Fournier, 1 day,	1 50
C. Lacourse, 1 day,	1 50
Frank Lord, 2 days,	3 00
A. J. Howard, 1 day,	1 50
“ 11 days 3 hours,	17 45

A. J. Howard, use of plow,	\$ 50
F. Bushe, 1 day,	1 25
Louis Dessluit, 6 1-2 days,	8 13
“ 12 1-4 days, with 2 horses,	39 81
Augustus Lamere, 33 days 6 hours,	42 00
Geo. B. Day, 2 days with 2 horses,	6 50
Alonzo Lewis, 2 days,	2 50
Peter Lecourse 17 1-2 with 2 horses,	56 88
S. T. Newton, 1 day with team,	3 25
Jos. Couture, 5 1-2 days with team,	17 88
Asa Fancy, blacksmith work,	16 91
S. E. Paine, 13 1-2 days with 2 horses,	43 88
“ 38 days with team,	133 00
Arthur Lacourse, 11 days,	13 75
Rowell Cote,	3 25
Gilbert & Parent, merchandise,	84 40
Philip Lapage, 5 1-2 days with horses,	17 87
“ 3 days,	3 75
S. E. Paine, 6 days with 1 pr. horses,	19 50
“ 18 days, self and team,	63 00
Augustus Lamere, 8 1-2 days,	10 62
Howard Dyer, 1 day,	1 25
George Markee, 1 1-2 days,	1 88
D. Newton, 1 day,	1 25
Peter Lecourse, 4 days with 2 horses,	13 00
S. E. Paine, 4 days with 2 horses,	14 00
Berlin Mills Co., lumber,	598 75
W. H. Paine, services,	25 00
Edward Hamel, Cates' hill,	27 75
Octave Collins, labor,	50
Charles Lebrèque, 1 1-2 days,	2 25
Samuel DeCote, 3 days and 2 horses,	9 75
S. E. Paine, 4 days 2 horses,	13 00
“ 2 “	2 50

J. F. Bell, 11 loads sand,	\$1 10
Philip Lapage, 2 days,	3 50
John W. Greenlaw, 2 da. 6 horses and man,	15 00
Ed. Carribeau, 1 1-2 days,	1 88
S. E. Paine, 1 man and team,	3 25
Gilbert & Parent, hardware,	1 20
Hollis Davis, labor,	1 75
Frank Almer, 7 days,	8 75
Chas. Lebrecque, labor,	5 75
S. E. Paine, 1-2 day with 2 horses	1 63
— Haggart, split stone,	10 00
Jos. Ouilette, 1 day,	1 25
Louis Desselet, labor,	1 00
John C. West, 1-2 day and 2 horses,	1 75
S. E. Paine, 7 loads sand,	3 50

\$5,496 21

NEW STREETS.

Hillside Avenue.

W. C. Perkins, services, self and helpers	\$10 00
James Perry, cash,	400 00
“ “ Berlin Nat. Bank,	302 00
“ B. M. Co. s bills,	506 89
“ team 7 1-2 days,	24 37
“ cash,	216 74
Louis Lessilitz, 2 days with team,	6 50
E. McC. Macy,	7 50

\$1,474 00

Horne Bridges.

well Cote, 1 day,	\$1 50
Maker, “	2 75
she, 3 days,	3 75

John Willette, 3 days,	\$3 75
John Rosseau, 1 day,	1 25
Jos. Couture, 2 days with team,	6 50
S. E. Paine, " "	6 50
Rowell Cote, contract,	120 00
Rowell Bros., 1 bbl. cement,	1 50
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	\$147 50

Jesse Tuttle Bridge.

Rowell Cote, 5 days with team,	16 25
Philip Lepage, 3 days,	3 75
Frank Cote, 1 day,	1 25
Rowell Cote, 4 days,	5 00
S. E. Paine, 5 " with team,	16 25
" 1 " "	1 25
Augustus Lamere, 3 days,	3 75
Howard Dyer, 5 " with team,	16 25
" 2 " "	2 50
Edward Blake, 3 1-2 " with team,	11 37
" 4 " "	5 00
George Markee, 5 days,	6 25
George LeClerc, 2 " with team,	6 50
" 8 " "	10 00
Chas. Lecourse, 1 " "	1 25
" 3 " with team,	9 75
Nap. Lecourse, 3 " "	3 75
T. P. Dustin, 2 " with team	6 50
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	\$126 62

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

Cash Received of Town of Berlin,	\$7,235 39
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Expenditures.

Roach & Monahan, concrete walk on Maine St.,	\$537 65
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concrete walk on Mechanic St.,	\$72 55	
James Perry, 842 ft edge stone, Main		
and Mechanic Streets,	757 80	
James Perry, ext. of Hillside Ave.,	1,474 00	
Building Horne bridge,	146 00	
“ Tuttle “	126 62	
Repairing roads etc.,	4,126 46	
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	\$7,241 08	
Errors,	3 00	
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	\$7,238 08	
To Balance,		\$2 69
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		\$7,238 08

Respectfully submitted,
 SAMUEL E. PAINE, Road Agent.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Highway Agent of the town of Berlin, N. H., for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1897, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

IRVING STEARNS,	}	Auditors.
JOSEPH H. BATES,		
SCOTT J. MASON,		

POLICE COURT.

To the Selectmen of Berlin:—

I herewith beg to submit a report of the Police Court from February 1st, 1896, to February 15, 1897, inclusive

Number of Civil cases entered, 96; Number of Complaints entered, 613, for the following offenses, viz:—

Aggravated assault,	3
Assault and battery,	22
Brawl and tumult,	4
Breaking and entering in daytime,	1
Burglary,	1
Common drunkard,	1
Compounding a crime,	1
Disturbing the peace,	1
Disorderly conduct on street,	3
Drunkenness,	294
Embezzlement,	1
Forgery,	1
Fornication,	1
Gambling,	1
Keeping disorderly house,	5
Keeping gaming house,	1
Keeping saloon open after hours,	5
Keeping saloon open on Sunday,	1
Larceny,	8
Obstructing officer,	1
Open and gross lewdness,	2
Peddling without license,	4
Taking horse without leave,	2
To find sureties of the peace,	1
Tramp,	1
Violation of the liquor law,	247
Total,	613

These complaints were disposed of as follows:—

Not prosecuted to judgment,	21
Tried and acquitted,	20
Held to answer to Supreme Court,	32
Discharged on payment of costs,	17
Paid fines,	398
Committed to jail for non-payment of fine,	21
Appealed to Supreme Court,	3
Released on promise of good beha- vior,	9
Committed to jail in default of bail,	8
Sentence suspended while respond- ent remains out of town,	19

Amount of fines and costs received by Justice, \$6,493 14

Amount deposited by Justice in town treasury, 6,493 14

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. RICH, Justice and Clerk.

Berlin, N. H., February 15, 1897.

BERLIN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Established, March, 1893. First opened to the public November 22, 1893. Delivery on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Reading-room open every evening except Sundays.

TRUSTEES:

H. J. BROWN,	- - - - -	Term expires 1897
H. W. JOHNSON,	- - - - -	" " 1898
JENNIE ANDERSON-CLARKE,	- - - - -	" " 1899

LIBRARIANS.

HATTIE L. JOHNSON,	- - - - -	Appointed 1893
WILBUR YATES, Assistant,	- - - - -	" 1896
LEWIS A. HAMMOND	" - - - - -	" 1896

To the Board of Selectmen, town of Berlin;—

Gentlemen:—Herewith the trustees of the Public Library present their fourth annual report of the condition and needs of that institution. For details and statistics of circulation, we beg to refer you to the report of the librarian which is appended. The financial status is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 1, 1896,	\$1 01
Town of Berlin,	500 00
May breakfast,	62 19
Hattie L. Johnson, fines etc.,	58 03
Whist club,	6 34
Total,	\$627 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	\$116 50
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F. M. Clement, rent,	\$116 00
Hattie L. Johnson, librarian,	100 00
" expenses to Amherst,	12 00
E. J. Barney, printing,	103 75
J. W. Condon, cataloguing gift of B.	
Mills library,	43 50
E. C. Stevens, books,	24 50
D. Appleton & Co., books,	18 00
G. F. Willey, books,	10 00
Geo. S. Wilson, 500 stamped envelopes,	10 90
H. W. Johnson, expenses per bill,	12 35
R. A. Wing & Co., books,	7 50
Library bureau, supplies,	8 90
C. S. Clarke, supplies,	9 00
B. M. Co., table and covering paper,	4 25
W. A. Boothby, printing,	5 25
R. McGown, express freight,	3 55
T. H. Castor & Co., books,	2 40
Dodd, Mead & Co., books,	2 00
E. F. Osgood, two frames,	2 00
L. D. Brown, express freight,	2 75
Lewis Hammond, assistant,	2 75
Linton McGonaghy, assistant,	2 40
Churchill O'Donnell, assistant,	1 50
Wilbur Yates, assistant,	1 10
Care of rooms,	1 40
Sundries,	2 13

\$626 38

Receipts,	\$627 57
Disbursed,	626 38

Balance on hand Feb. 1. 1897. \$1 19

The growth of our library is almost phenomenal, and certainly keeps the pace set by our town. At times it astonishes even the trustees whose plans are no sooner put in execution than it is often discovered that they are inadequate to meet the demands of the conditions arising. A year ago, it was thought that if the library were open three days per week there would be sufficient opportunity for the exchange of books expeditiously and with less delay. It was expected that one additional day would lower the average daily circulation by an appreciable amount, but it remains about the same. Late this year, Miss Johnson urged the addition of a reading-room. There were no funds for the purpose at the disposal of the trustees, but she was told that if she could in any way raise money to support it for one year, the library would provide for its maintenance thereafter. With the help of several public spirited ladies, two entertainments have been given netting about \$150.00, and the venture is well started on its career. The credit for this departure is due wholly to Miss Johnson and those who assisted her, as the trustees have done absolutely nothing in connection with it. Fortunately, a room adjacent to the library and opening into it became available in December, and the librarian seized the opportunity and engaged the room. It was considered large enough, but it was no sooner opened than its patronage showed that such was not the case. But it was the best that could be done. The promoters were much pleased to observe that its patrons are mostly boys—in fact, some evenings, they seem to take exclusive possession thereof, and as they are invariably quiet, orderly, never speaking above a whisper, everything will be

done to make it pleasant and attractive to this class of visitors. It was proposed that a collection of objects of interest, scientifically and historically, be begun. No sooner was this made known than offers of gifts came from generous donors, personally and by mail, in such profusion that the librarian was forced to acknowledge that there was no room for even the beginning of a museum, and we are hoping to own these gifts by proxy until suitable quarters are provided. In plain English, the library needs a separate building. Land on Main street has been offered to the trustees for this purpose, as a gift. \$2500.00 would erect a suitable building and furnish it. At six per cent this loan would cost the town about \$150.00 per year. The rent of the present library rooms will be \$175.00. Thus we can have better accommodations for considerably less money than we are paying now. We commend this matter to the attention of the incoming city council, and urge its consideration, together with the fact that the growth of our library, the increasing influence it has on the youth of the town, the excellence of its administration in the hands of the present librarian, and its position in the front rank of New Hampshire libraries entitles it to favorable and immediate action.

The plan of a library building should be designed with great caution. It is believed that, if library methods advance as much in the next fifty years as they have for the last fifteen, present buildings, even including the large ones recently erected, will be found at that time, very inadequate and ill adapted for their purpose. The library of the future will have no inaccessible "stack-room," but will be so arranged that patrons may have access to the shelves without being in their own way or impeding library work. There will be

special rooms for children, for pupils in schools, for local literary clubs, for collections, and large libraries will contain a hall for lectures etc. The reading rooms will include at least three, and there will also be administration rooms. Although we may not now need all these in the library of Berlin, they should be thought of and well considered, otherwise we may have a building that is out of date before it is ready for occupancy. Here is an excellent opportunity for someone to hand his name down to posterity by presenting the town with funds sufficient to erect a suitable edifice, or erecting it himself, and after finished giving it to the town. Either way would be acceptable and the institution should bear the donor's name thereafter. We know of no other way in which money can be made to continually and at all times conduce to the welfare of the community, unless it be by endowing a school.

The opening of the reading-room only emphasizes the necessity of opening the library daily for the delivery of books. This is highly important as was suggested in the last report. But at the present salary paid the librarian, which is smaller than that paid any librarian in the state for the same circulation, it is impossible to open the library more than three days in the week. We recommend that the appropriation be increased sufficiently to enable us to open the institution daily, at least evenings. We do this with confidence because the prevailing sentiment of the community has repeatedly demanded this of the trustees, and leading business men of the town have encouraged us to urge strong support of the public library.

For the ensuing year we recommend that the following sums be appropriated:

Rent of rooms,	\$100 00,
Salary of librarian,	150 00
New books,	300 00
Incidentals (care of rooms, etc.)	100 00
Necessary repairs,	100 00
Total,	<hr/> \$750 00

In closing, the trustees wish to again tender their thanks to those who, during the year just past, have in so many ways, given their time and labor to make the library a success and extend its usefulness, and without whose aid little could have been done beyond barely maintaining the library in its position at the beginning of the year.

H. W. JOHNSON,

JENNIE ANDERSON-CLARKE,

} Library
} Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees:—

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the fourth annual report of the condition of the public library for the year ending February 1, 1897.

Statistics.

Whole number of accessions, Feb. 1, 1896,	1,778
Volumes purchased,	194
“ donated,	186
Total number added during the year,	380
Whole number of accessions, Feb. 1, 1897,	2,158
Number of days open to the public,	155
Number of volumes delivered for home use,	9,265
Largest number in one day, Mar. 21, 1896,	158
Smallest number in one day, Feb. 3, 1896,	10
Average number per day,	60
Cards issued during the year,	213
Cards previously issued,	519
Whole registration,	732

Receipts.

Fines,	\$48 24
Catalogues,	8 85
Cards replaced,	1 60
Total,	\$58 69

Disbursed.

Paid Trustees,	\$58 03
Balance on hand,	\$ 66

Books have been donated as follows:

Miss Florence Swan, Portland, Me.,	58
U. S. Gov't,	52
H. W. Johnson, M. D.,	27
State of N. H.,	18
W. C. Perkins,	1
Ladies Whist Club.	6
Jesse Tuttle,	3
Mrs. Charles Clarke,	2
Miss Carolyn A. Mackenzie, Salem, Mass.,	1
George F. Willey, Manchester, N. H.,	1
Mary F. Fowler, Biddeford, Me.,	1
John W. Condon,	1
Fred Melcher,	1
Rev. F. C. Potter,	1
Berlin Mills Library,	1
W. W. Burlingame,	1
Hattie L. Johnson,	1
Theodore Green,	1
Littleton Public Library,	1

Although the marks of progress in our library have not been of so prominent a character as last year, still equal advance has been made, even if along less noticeable lines. The compiling of the catalogue, and carrying it through the press has occupied by far the largest share of the librarian's time since last May. This undertaking was less formidable than it might have been because of the fact that the written catalogues in the library have been carefully and properly kept from the time of cataloguing the first book; thus there was no necessity for rearranging and handling the whole collection. It is thought that if bulletins are issued periodically, uniform with the catalogue in every way, there will be no necessity of publishing

another complete catalogue for several years. The appearance of the books marked an epoch in the labors of the librarian, expediting delivery, increasing circulation and extending the influence of the library beyond what it could possibly have been before. We are aware that the most advanced librarians aver that a printed catalogue is a waste of time and money on the part of the libraries, but until library buildings are so arranged that patrons can go to the shelves, and until they are sufficiently trained to be trusted with such liberty, it seems to us that the printed catalogue, properly arranged and supplemented, is a great convenience if not an actual necessity, both to the public and to the librarian. It certainly lessens the trials of the latter and allows time for more valuable labor than selecting "a good story" for some helpless patron, besides doing much to popularize the institution. The sale of catalogues is not a source of profit and is not intended to be such. A small price is asked, sufficient to encourage the purchaser to take care of the book and thus prevent waste.

I wish to call your attention to the condition of the card catalogue case which is the one originally placed in the library with the first books. The drawers are so crowded that it is next to impossible to read the cards contained therein, and measures should be taken at once to remedy this state of affairs, either by buying an additional case and using two, or replacing the present one with a larger.

I am glad to report that the connection between the library and the schools is much closer than a year ago, although much remains to be desired in this direction. All the teachers of the higher grades have done much for this cause, particularly those in the High school

and grades eight and nine. The senior class in history in the High school prepare their lessons in the library two days in the week, while the other classes in history borrow books for use on the reference table in the school-room. This may be rather hard on the books, but it is vastly better to spend money to replace books worn out in this way than to purchase literary curiosities and relics of no interest or use to anyone but the antiquarian. In the lower grades some teachers make excellent use of the library in their reading classes. Several have taken out half a dozen volumes of juvenile fiction and loaned them to pupils to read silently in school, aloud to the class, or at home, with the best results. In this way many a boy has been led to become a regular patron of the library, who otherwise would never have darkened its doors, for boys often get the idea that the library is an institution for the collection and storage of the driest kind of reading and that there can be nothing in it of the least interest to them. The teachers are conscious that it is a part of their business to eliminate this idea.

There was a time when it was thought that anyone with a fair education could be trusted with a public library, and special training for the work was not even thought of. That day is happily past, and the librarian of the present must study means and methods continually, under skilled direction, if she wishes to keep up with the times. Realizing this fact, your librarian attended the Library School at Amherst, Mass., last summer, studying with Mr. W. I. Fletcher in a class of sixty members. The course consisted of morning lectures on library administration, cataloging, selection of books, etc., with practice work in the afternoon. It was found to be of great value, as was expected.

In January last, I attended the meeting of the New Hampshire Library Association at Manchester, and also that of the New England Association at Hartford, Conn. Both these meetings were of great benefit to librarians, and through them to the libraries they represented. The New Hampshire Association has signified its desire to hold its next meeting here at Berlin, and in view of the healthful impetus such an event would give our library and others in this section, and its effect on the community, it is to be hoped that this may be successfully brought about.

Very few new books have been added to the library since early summer. The reason for this is, that it was thought desirable to purchase all the books for the year early and at one time, in order that as many titles as possible might appear in the forth-coming catalogue. No other reason could be sufficient for such a course, and I would suggest that for the coming year, new books be added monthly, as being more satisfactory to the patrons. The juvenile department has been thoroughly digested by the boys, most of whom have actually read everything adapted to them which the library contains. The first outlay for books should be made in this direction. Next, the schools should receive attention, there being much call for certain classes of reference books, of great assistance to the teachers of reading and history. In connection with the last matter, I would suggest that the library issue a small bulletin of books on folk-lore, science, history, etc., graded according to the grades in the public schools, for distribution among the teachers and pupils.

One or two items in the statistics deserve special mention. The smallest daily circulation appears to have occurred on Monday, February 3. This should

hardly be taken into account, as that date was the first Monday on which the library was opened, and not being specially advertised, few people were aware that books could be exchanged that day. Disregarding this date, the smallest circulation would then appear more correctly as June 15, 1896, when 20 books were given out. The total circulation for the year is 9,265, which gives us an average of about 1 1-2 books per capita of the population. Two years ago, it was about 1-2 per capita.

Last summer it was thought the influence of the library might be extended if something were done to render the rooms more attractive. A suggestion of an exhibition of photographs by local amateurs was adopted, and several owners of cameras willingly placed some of their views at our disposal. They were Mrs. A. L. Hobson, Messrs. Jos. Gosselin, C. W. Wilson, H. E. Oleson, Stanley Bean, Mrs. Webber, Birge Bickford, Miss Edith Jennings, Miss Christa Wood, Dr. C. H. Bowker, Mrs. McCollum and the librarian. Some of these views were very fine indeed, all were good, and attracted much attention and favorable comment. Many came to see the exhibit who had never been in the library before. Though the results may not be very evident they are none the less real and before long another similar scheme for drawing outsiders into our rooms will be in operation.

The addition of a third room to the library, to be used as a reading room, has been brought about in such a way, as to entail no extra expense on the town for the coming year, funds for its support having been raised by various means, in which several of the energetic ladies of Berlin have been the prime movers. This third room is open daily, while the librarian is

only required to be present three days in the week. During the other three days, the reading room is in charge of volunteer care-takers. This arrangement is trying and unsatisfactory, and could be improved by opening the library daily, at least evenings. The room is well patronized, especially by the boys, and on this account deserves attention and support. No attempt has been made to keep a record of attendance in the room, which is small, and usually taxed to its utmost capacity in the early evening.

A statement of moneys received and expended on account of the reading room is as follows:—

Receipts.

Proceeds of entertainment in December,	\$72 94	
Sale of chairs presented by C. & O. S'y.,	2 90	
Contributed by W. C. T. U.,	6 00	
Contributed by Glen Co.,	50 00	
Subscription list,	29 00	
Mother Goose entertainment,	80 00	
		\$240 84

Disbursed.

F. M. Clement, rent of room,	\$75 00
Hodges Carpet Co., 24 yds. fibre carpet,	12 00
“ 2 rugs,	2 00
Gordon & Balch, labor and material,	7 13
E. Wentworth, labor and material,	2 25
W. L. McGivney, labor and material,	1 85
Berlin Mills Co., lumber,	2 50
S. Williamson, labor,	2 00
Gilbert & Parent, 2 curtain poles,	80
“ stool,	2 35
Express charges,	90
C. C. Gerrish & Co., furnishings,	16 30

Berlin Mills Co., 1 table,	\$8 50
	<u>\$133 58</u>
Balance unexpended,	<u>\$107 26</u>

Of the above receipts, it should be said that the Glen Co. have suggested that their portion of the contribution be devoted entirely to the purchase of reference books for the shelves of the reading-room. This pleases the management very much, as money is needed as much for this purpose now as for any other. At present, the sum contributed by the Glen Co. has not been expended, it being deemed wise to select the books with care and discrimination. Of the \$80 received at the last entertainment, the ladies have requested that \$50 be set aside for a mineralogical cabinet, to be placed in a new library building. The sum contributed by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union may be returned to that body, as it was given under a misunderstanding, the ladies not yet being unanimously of the opinion that the cause merits their support. Besides the money received as above, we have had presented, a table by Father Mackey, a picture frame, by Mr. E. F. Osgood, and numerous magazines and papers from other donors.

The library has been offered three valuable collection of minerals, one from Mrs. C. E. Green, one from W. C. Perkins, esq., and one from Mr. J. W. Condon. Miss Florence Swan, of Portland, has presented the library with fifty-eight bound volumes of Littell's Living Age. Several valuable sets of books have been added by purchase, since the last report, including the American Statesman series, American Pioneers and Patriots series, several standard works on the history of the United States, together with generous accessions

to the rather meagre collection of books on natural science. There is still a disproportionately small number of works dealing with this subject, causing much disappointment to some of our patrons. To keep all departments of a library abreast with one another and with the times is no small matter, but we aim to do this as far as we are able.

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE L. JOHNSON, Librarian.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

For year ending February 1, 1897.

FINANCIAL STATUS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, February 15, '96.,	\$ 500 32
Town of Berlin, March appropriation,	7,000 00
" Repairs,	1,000 00
" Text books, supplies,	500 00
" Furniture,	300 00
" Blinds,	150 00
State, Savings Bank Tax,	642 27
" Literary Fund,	385 00
" Railroad Tax,	39 35
Sale of old furniture,	25 00
Sale of Cole primary school-house,	50 00
Received for tuition, books, etc.,	15 50
Refunded by H. F. Marston, agent,	22 75

\$10,637 15

DISBURSED.

Teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Chas. F. Leadbetter, principal,	\$450 00
H. W. Whittemore, principal,	375 00
Mary B. Eastman, assistant,	165 00
Eliza P. Osborn, " "	183 00
Clara Wardwell, " "	75 00
Jennie Wardwell, Room 3,	135 00
Gertrude Andrews, " "	172 00
Jennie Rich, Room 2,	135 00
C. Belle Varney, " "	162 00

Annie C. Hamlin, Room 1,	\$297 00
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W. W. BROWN SCHOOL.

Marion H. Smith, principal, Room 4,	\$205 00
Dawn L. Fernald, Room 3,	105 00
Blanche Whittum, " "	90 00
Rose L. Streeter, " "	30 21
Lucilla Twitchell, Room 2,	135 00
Marietta Stanley, " "	162 00
Ellen Muzzey, Room 1,	90 00
Mary A. Adams, " "	162 00

COLE SCHOOL.

Lucilla Twitchell, principal, Room 4,	\$180 00
Gertrude Muzzey, Room 3,	135 00
Carolyn Howard, " "	162 00
" " Room 2,	133 00
Mary F. Fowler, " "	117 00
Anna D. Newman " "	27 00
Olga Nilsson, Room 1,	123 00
Lena G. Smith, " "	153 00
Dawn L. Fernald, substitute,	6 30

WILLIAM SESSIONS SCHOOL.

Florence A. True, Room 2,	297 00
Edith W. Jennings, Room 1,	297 00

WHEELER SCHOOL.

Walter I. Davis,	289 50
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CATES HILL SCHOOL.

Annie Lavertu,	60 00
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Ina C. Holt, Music,	\$220 00
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	\$5,437 01

New School Buildings.

Chandler Chair Co., desks, etc.,	\$294 75
Robert Snodgrass, as per bill,	156 61
James Perry, as per bills,	227 22
Frank Whitham, grading,	108 12
O. W. Fernald, grading,	102 85
O. D. Case & Co., blackboards,	56 57
H. W. Johnson, freight paid on same,	4 65
S. E. Paine, grading, Sessions' school,	50 00
“ concrete, Sessions school,	10 00
Pike, Perkins & Macy, surveying boundary line,	1 00
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	\$1,001 77

Text Books and Supplies.

E. E. Babb & Co., as per bills,	\$519 37
H. W. Whittemore, bills paid,	163 76
Hinds & Noble, per bill,	114 97
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies,	52 87
Ginn & Co., per bill,	36 33
W. A. Boothby, supplies,	16 19
Carter & Kilham, chemicals,	12 56
Charles S. Clarke, supplies,	13 16
Jos. C. Godfrey, supplies,	12 15
C. A. French, maps,	9 90
American Book Co., as per bill,	9 72
Whitall, Tatum. & Co., glassware,	2 36
Silver & Burdett, as per bill,	2 30
Holden Book Co.,	2 15
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	\$967 79

Fuel.

C. C. Gerrish & Co., coal, as per bill,	\$759 38
C. Brooks, coal as per bill,	43 28
John R. Horne, wood, as per bill,	60 00
Frank Whitham, wood, as per bill,	22 00
Isaac Aubin, wood, as per bill,	3 50
E. Hamel, wood, as per bill,	3 00
Frank Stone, wood as per bill,	8 00
Twitchell & Holt, wood, as per bill,	16 25
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	\$915 41

Care of Rooms.

Isaac Aubin, janitor,	\$528 00
Isaac Aubin, paid assistance,	97 22
Walter I. Davis, care of room,	5 00
Eddie Davis, " "	8 50
George Blake, " "	2 00
E. Hamel, " "	5 00
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	\$616 42

Permanent Fixtures and Repairs.

H. F. Marston, as per order,	\$964 30
A. B. Forbush, 3 clocks,	11 10
A. N. Gilbert, labor and materials,	10 25
Gordon & Balch, " "	7 45
E. A. Burbank, stove,	15 00
A. L. Knowlton, bells in Cole School,	6 50
E. W. Jennings, flag-staff,	3 00
F. A. True, fixtures,	1 00
M. A. Adams, " "	43
Issac Aubin, " "	2 07
G. L. Prescott, repairing clock,	75
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	\$1,021 85

 Miscellaneous Expenses.

Gilbert & Parent,	per bills,	\$17 14
C. C. Gerrish & Co.,	"	59 10
Berlin Aq. Co.,	water rates,	75 00
B. & M. R. R.,	freight bills,	15 92
Elmer J. Noyes,	Class of '96,	20 00
R. McGown,	express and freight paid,	19 37
Geo. S. Wilson,	500 stamped envelopes,	10 90
E. Hamil,	carrying pupils,	9 00
L. B. Paine,	53 gal. oil,	5 90
White River Paper Co.,	100 rolls paper,	4 50
Berlin Mfg. Co.,	2 table legs,	1 10
H. W. Johnson,	expenses, per bill,	11 38
M. H. Smith,	"	2 25
H. G. Andrews,	"	3 50
Carolyn Howard,	"	2 70
F. A. True,	"	23
Z. Kiely,	3 brooms,	75
J. Paquette,	trucking,	2 85
H. W. Whittemore,	balance due,	1 57
I. Aubin,	expenses,	1 00
J. A. Hodgdon,	per bill,	2 94

Total of orders drawn,	\$10,299 14
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 RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

As stated above,	\$10,637 15
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 Disbursements.

Salaries,	\$5,437 01
New buildings,	1,001 77
Text books and supplies,	967 79
Fuel,	\$915 41

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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Care of rooms,	616 42	
Repairs,	1,021 85	
Miscellaneous,	268 89	
Total,		\$10,229 14
		<u>\$408 01</u>
Int. paid by Treas.,	\$367 80	
Outstanding orders of '96,	25 08	
		<u>\$401 88</u>
		<u>\$6 13</u>
Bal. on hand,		\$6 13
Outstanding orders '97, charged but not yet presented,		\$44 00
		<u>\$50 13</u>
Bal. on Treas. account,		
Due from Town for text books and supplies,		\$467 79

STATISTICS AND REMARKS

Some Statistics based on returns for the Fall term,
1896. (Current year.)

New pupils entering in Sept., '96,	170
Whole number different pupils enrolled,	638
Average daily attendance,	509
Average number in High School,	45
" Grades VI to IX,	96
" " IV and V,	122
" " I to III,	295
" Mixed Schools,	21
" belonging,	579
Male teachers,	2
Female teachers, (not including Cates Hill)	14
Graded Schools,	7
Semi-graded,	6
Mixed,	2
High School,	1
Whole number public schools,	16
Weeks in school year,	36
School-houses,	6
School-rooms,	17
Sittings,	725
No. Pupils in largest school, (Sessions, Room 1.)	74
" smallest school, (Cates Hill,)	6
No. boys in town of school age, (Apr. '96.)	758
" girls	645
Total,	1,403
Registered in public schools, (Apr. '96.)	573
" parochial school, " "	450
Total,	1,023
No. not attending any school,	380

Cost per pupil for tuition, Feb. '96,	\$10 41	
“ “ ‘97,	9 37	
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Bal. in favor of year just closed,		\$1 04
Cost per pupil for text books and supplies,		
Feb- '96,	\$1 76	
Cost per pupil for text books and supplies,		
Feb. '97,	1 67	
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Balance in favor of year just closed,		\$.12

To the Selectmen of the Town of Berlin.

The Board of Education herewith submits its eleventh annual report, being the report for the year ending February 17, 1897. We think there is no occasion to call your attention to the excellent condition of our schools at the present time. The discipline in nearly every room is of a high order, without which work is impossible, and our scholars have made, in consequence, marked progress. At the end of the last school year (June, '96) several teachers resigned to take positions elsewhere. All these teachers were faithful workers, giving the best that was in them to the service of the town. That all who wished immediately secured positions with much larger salaries, only proves what all must realize, that we cannot hope to retain teachers of first class ability unless they voluntarily choose to work for less than they are worth, which is seldom the case. We have been singularly fortunate this year in filling the vacancies caused by the above resignations, and without exception, each teacher appointed since June has succeeded as well as we could expect a stranger among us to succeed.

With one exception, all the instructors employed in the public schools of Berlin are not mere teachers, but persons who have studied teaching as a profession.

who have taken especial care to properly fit themselves for the work, not in scholarship alone, but in the art of imparting knowledge. They are all graduates either of normal schools or of city training schools (where the business of teaching is taught like any other study, and with what might be called laboratory practice) or have had several years experience in other towns before engaging here. A few years ago it was the fashion to carp at normal graduates. It is true that persons without experience or professional training have gone into schools and have become successful teachers. That method of training is sufficient as far as the teacher is concerned but it is expensive for the pupils. Nobody knows how much material has been injured or spoiled by teachers learning to teach in this way, and children are too valuable to be made the subject of the crude experiments of an inexperienced teacher. It matters little to a school board whether a teacher obtains her training in a normal school or in the schools of some other town. The former method takes less time and the teacher pays the cost; the latter is a slower method and the expense falls on pupils and parents. Your board propose to be governed by this principle as long as the schools are entrusted to their hands. We are fully aware of certain defects now existing, but we are confident that if most of the present corps of teachers can be retained, a steady improvement may be expected.

Visiting Schools.

Parents could do much to improve the quality of the teaching if they would go into the schools, find out what is being done and why it is being done, become personally acquainted with those who have charge of their

children so much of the time, and show some interest in the way they are trained. Teachers and school officials would be glad of criticism which had such an interest and knowledge for its basis. The kind of criticism we now receive comes mostly from those who have no children in the schools, or if they have, never visit schools, and who condemn the whole system because it isn't like the school they remember. For similar reasons one might condemn the mowing machine or any other recent labor-saving contrivance. On the other hand, the criticism of parents who visit the schools is helpful and encouraging. It is an inspiration to the teacher to feel that the parents know and appreciate her efforts. Once let the teacher feel that the parents don't know or care to know the difference between good and poor teaching, or are indifferent as to her methods of management, and she must be more than human if she does not do a good deal of slack and listless work.

Text Books and Supplies.

This is one of the most vexing questions with which the Board has to deal. The matter has received close personal attention, and it is believed that there has been perfect equity in the distribution of supplies, and that loss and waste have been reduced to a minimum. Each term, every teacher is required to send to the Secretary of the Board a complete inventory of all books to be found in her school-room. These inventories are carefully compared with charges previously made to each teacher, losses traced and if possible, made good. At the beginning of the year some grades were found to be entirely without reading-books, others only half supplied, owing to forced economy. Of

course conditions like this were not conducive to good work, both pupils and teachers laboring under great disadvantages. The Board thought this matter needed immediate attention, and a suitable number of reading books were purchased, all of which are now in use in the various grades, and the study of reading has been raised from its lethargic condition. This procedure entailed expense, but no one acquainted with the facts not particularized here, would deny its necessity. Again, an unusually large class entered the High School this year, and found only about half enough of the necessary text-books awaiting them. Thus the expense for High School books is larger this year than for several years. It is but fair to say that books are not cast aside until they are wholly unfit for use—covers gone, leaves missing, etc. Books in this condition are returned to the Board, who decide as to their disposal. At present every grade is fairly well supplied with books. Unless there be an unlooked-for influx of new pupils next year in all grades, there should be no such large bills for books as have necessarily been incurred this season. The cost per pupil last year (ending February, 1896,) was \$1.79. This year it is \$1.67.

The number of teachers five years ago was eight. At that time, \$500 was found necessary for text-books and supplies. At present there are sixteen teachers, and a corresponding increase of pupils. Yet the town only appropriated \$500 for supplies and books at its last meeting. The futility of expecting \$500 to answer equally well in both conditions should be apparent. The inevitable result was that it became necessary to overrun the appropriation for books, by \$467.79, and this sum is legally due the Board from the town.

Attendance.

Few things at present militate against the success and impair the efficiency of the schools of Berlin, half as much as irregularity of attendance on the part of the pupils. For this, the parents are to be blamed in nearly every instance, and the children pay the penalty. Parents have no realizing sense, either of the mischief resulting from absence from school, or of the comparatively small portion of time that some children pass in the school-room. Keeping a child out of school at intervals is the surest, quickest and most permanent way of effectually destroying his interest in all that pertains to school work, and also shows a deplorable lack of interest on the part of the parent. When the parent has no interest in the progress of his child, the teacher need not be expected to retain any very long, and thus a train of disastrous evils are set up through the parent, from effects of which the child never recovers.

How long would one retain interest in a book from which every other ten pages were missing? So a child, missing a day or two now and then, loses all interest in his studies, but keeps on through compulsion, in a listless, driven sort of way, a hindrance to his class, robbing them of time rightfully theirs, and a source of perpetual despair to the teacher. When parents wake up to know the importance of punctuality, the educational forces will take a long step in advance. They should understand that it isn't the mere loss of time; the harm is done more because the rest of the class are in school, listening to explanations which are of vital importance to future progress, and which are lost to the absent pupil, and the obstacles which have been explained away to his classmates continually

arise in his pathway thereafter, killing all interest, and causing a decided aversion to school. One cannot reasonably expect a teacher to find time to teach the same principles a dozen times to as many different pupils, who have staid away from school to do work which should have been done Saturdays. Yet that is what they are doing continually, performing the extra work rather than see a pupil fail of promotion. They are not paid to do this, and it is a gratuitous service they render to pupils and parents, and generally a thankless one.

Accommodations.

During the year ending June, 1896, one four-room building was erected on Mason St., to replace the two-room building previously located there. This building is substantially built, with roomy basement, steam heat and excellent sanitary arrangements, and fulfills all the requirements of the plan. Three of the four rooms were ready for use and occupied in January, 1896. The fourth room was not then needed, but at the opening of the present school year in September, 1896, it became necessary to establish a school there, and at present, the entire seating capacity of the building, (165 pupils) is not sufficient to accommodate all who belong in it. The same state of affairs exists at the Sessions school on the west side of the Grand Trunk Ry., where pupils are obliged to sit, some on a settee and others on the teacher's platform. There has been this year an unusual influx of new pupils into the primary grades, 109 at the Falls village, and 47 at Berlin Mills. As there were already 119 pupils carried over from last year to this in the primary grades, one can see what a tax was laid on our seating capacity by the addition of 156 new ones for these same rooms. The time is at hand when

an additional building will be required. It has been suggested that another two-room building be erected somewhere near the Methodist Church. Let us see if this will meet the requirements. There are at present five grades below those in the High School building. For our present purpose, we may disregard the conditions at Berlin Mills. At the lower village, these five grades are distributed in such a way that the Sessions school only accommodates two grades in each of its two rooms, so that fifth grade pupils west of the G. T. Ry., attend the Cole school, being placed in the same room with all other pupils of the same grade east of the railway. Thus all fifth grade pupils at the lower village are allotted to room 4, in the Cole building. This room will not accommodate them now, and next year such an arrangement will be out of the question. If a two-room building is placed in the location mentioned, it is doubtful if matters will be improved, so far as the fifth grade is concerned, for already the overflow from the Sessions school would fill one room to its working capacity, and the yearly increase in the primary grades will fill the other. If the 400 pupils now not attending school should ask admittance, most of them would enter the fourth and fifth grades, and one can easily see the dilemma in which we should find ourselves. We doubt if it is economy to erect any more two-room buildings in this section. Although every room may not be occupied as soon as finished, we think nothing less than a four-room building, of the same seating capacity as the Cole school, will answer the exigencies which are sure to arise within the next three or four years. Each of the wards of the city, as now laid out, would then contain one four-room building, with one or more two-room buildings

as feeders to it from the lowest grades, in the same way that all the other buildings at present feed into the High School building. The location of this four-room building is of less moment, provided it be west of Dead river. Possibly the vacant lot between Green and Mechanic streets would be the best site, giving entrances from two streets. The light, however, would be poor, because of a three-story block adjacent. This building would relieve the pressure at present. In a few years, the Cole school will again become crowded, and a two-room building in the vicinity of Hillside avenue and High street would meet the condition. In the same way at Berlin Mills, where there is already a four-room building, future years will require a two-room feeder to it somewhere near the Lutheran church. There are vacant seats just now in the High School, but by promotion next year, there will be very few, too few to merit consideration. Thus it is useless to count on available room there, for there will be none unless the High School pupils are placed in a building by themselves, a state of affairs devoutly to be wished for, and one deserving consideration. The crowded condition of some of the rooms has so seriously interfered with the work in them, that measures must be taken soon to avoid a continuance of the evil. A teacher can endure the trial of adjusting sixty pupils to forty-two seats for a few weeks, but it is disheartening to labor under such disadvantages through a whole year, only to be rewarded with grumbling from parents because more hasn't been accomplished in the time.

By examining the compiled table, one can compare the seating capacity of each room with the number of pupils registered therein. In making this comparison,

we should consider the entire number registered, and not the average attendance, as all who are enrolled are liable to present themselves any day. These figures are stubborn facts. They force us to consider them, whether we will or not. It seems unnecessary to remark that efficient teaching is next to impossible under these conditions, even with the most expert teacher in the land. Persons disposed to carp at our primary schools should consider the disadvantages under which the work is done and thus find cause for congratulation that it is done so well.

High School.

Realizing that our High school is perhaps the most expensive single school that we support, your board have given this institution much thought and study. To most pupils this is their last chance to study under skilled direction—beyond this, such study as is done at all must be done without help from any person and this soon discourages the average pupil. The object of a High school is not to turn out students thoroughly proficient in any of the studies taught in the course—such results would be utterly impossible under the circumstances and it would be unwise to attempt it. It is rather to provide pupils first with a general, practical understanding, a working conception of various studies in outline with no attempt at details or fine distinctions as taught in the college. It should also aim to so train the pupil that in a measure, he will be able to pursue his further studies by himself, without aid from other persons; in other words, it should teach how to investigate, how to cull from various sources that which is servicable, the salient points around which the rest of a subject is grouped. A High school which

thoroughly accomplishes this does more for good citizenship and to raise the moral plane of its town than any other force working in the same direction. But the High school is required also to fit pupils for colleges. This is an entirely different class of work. Thus the High school labors along two distinct lines, with two totally different ends in view, and each requiring its own peculiar methods for its accomplishment. In the selection of a principal this year, great regard was had for these facts and we searched for a man otherwise well qualified who had a proper conception of the ends sought in High school work. We have reason to believe that in Mr. C. F. Leadbetter we found such a man, and he has entered into the working out of the ideas of the board with a zest which shows that they coincide with his own. Accordingly those taking the classical or college preparatory course are dealt with in such a manner as to ensure a good equipment for future work in college. The remainder of the school receive not more attention, but it is considered that the best efforts and best thoughts of the teachers are due them for the reason above stated. Their work is most carefully supervised and directed, their results subjected to most rigid criticism, and everything available is drawn upon for their benefit. The public library is regarded as particularly theirs, and they are given liberties there even if other patrons must be incommoded somewhat thereby. To further this end the senior class is required to take a course in history, covering some brief period, studying it intensively, as it is called by which we mean that every small detail is worked out in every authority available, thus requiring research in all the large works in history dealing with the subject in hand. By this method the pupil is forced

to "boil down," to select the skeleton of the topic in hand and group minor details about it. There can be no temporary memorizing of words in this course. Each pupil is in addition required to pursue separate original investigations, bringing in his results in the form of a thesis at the end of each term. The topic the present year is the development of the independence of the United States and the class have entered into the subject with much interest. The subjects of theses for the fall term were "The New England Town and Town-meeting," "The Attitude of the Colonies toward England from 1770 to 1776" and "Persecutions of the Quakers in New England."

Anyone can see the far-reaching benefit from such a course, which is away beyond the mere historical knowledge gained. The course in English History for the junior class is conducted on a similar plan, though less is required of them in way of research.

Under present regime, we feel that our High school is doing work second to none in the state. This may be a bold statement, and considering our meagre facilities for instruction in the sciences (there being absolutely no opportunities for experimental work by the pupils) an exception might be noted in this respect. But we are sure that so far as other studies are concerned, ours will compare more than favorably with any other school in New Hampshire. A table is appended showing registration and classification in the High school.

The time is not far distant when a third course should be established in our High school. It should be a commercial or business course and should include such studies as commercial arithmetic, commercial law, shorthand and type-writing. This course is now

found in leading high schools throughout the country, and would do much to popularize secondary education among boys whose ambition is to "get into business" as soon as possible and would fill the increasing demand which business men of to-day are constantly making upon young boys. Such a course would necessitate employment of a third teacher, either the whole or part of the time.

The subject of book-keeping has been taken out of the High school curriculum and placed where it properly belongs, in the grammar grades. The pupils in these grades take it up in a way that is very gratifying and shows that no mistake has been made in this direction.

The "Three R's."

Edward Everett once said that if a boy could read well, write well, and add, subtract, multiply and divide easily, quickly and accurately, he might be considered well educated. With these equipments, he could do much; without them, or without any one of them, he could do little. Your committee have given much consideration to the results obtained in our schools in these three branches, and note a great improvement in that direction at present over those of past years. Nevertheless, they are conscious that there is still much to be desired, and there is no doubt that the universal complaint elsewhere, that there is great disproportion between the time expended in Arithmetic and the results obtained, is as well grounded in Berlin as in other places. Arithmetic is better taught to-day than it was fifty years ago. But the requirements of business to-day, the demands made upon arithmetical knowledge, are far greater to-day than fifty years ago, from the fact that these demands are made upon a

much larger per cent of the youthful population than at that time. A larger per cent of much younger men, mere boys, are in business to-day than formerly. Unfortunately, methods in arithmetic have not kept pace with the advancing demands, and hence the universal complaint. Your committee have examined carefully the conditions in Berlin, to find if possible, a weakness to be strengthened. A comparison of daily programs in the various grades, convinces us that whatever is lacking in arithmetic is not due to want of time given to the subject. Some teachers give all the time from 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock daily to the subject, which is, in our opinion, too much. We consider that less time, with better methods, would accomplish more. Your committee are of the opinion that an up-to-date text book, a freedom in its use by the teacher, and more attention to analysis in the middle grades, would leave little to be desired in the way of results, and to these ends such changes as may be necessary will be made as soon as practicable. It was thought at one time, that pupils were not having sufficient drill in supplementary work, and this was increased, but although a marked improvement immediately followed, the results still fell short of the standard. We think that another year will remedy this condition, though a longer time will be necessary before judgment can be passed on the success of these measures. The matter of reading has been sufficiently discussed elsewhere in this report. In regard to writing, the system known as vertical, introduced in the primary grades a year ago, has been now extended through all grades, and more attention is given to it than heretofore. Excellent work is being done by primary pupils. In upper grades, much of the work done in the writing lesson is vitiated by

rapid, careless methods in writing in connection with other studies, and the attention of teachers has been called to this evil, which will probably soon disappear, to the great advantage of the study.

Nature Study.

This, though it appears for the first time now in the course, is not new in our schools, having been taught with little or no uniformity or method, in many of the grades in past years, according to the pleasure and ability of the teacher. It is not a course in natural science—it simply aims to encourage and direct into useful channels the natural propensity of children to know the why of everything, to turn to future utility the endless questions with which a bright child torments his elders, to train the eye to habits of accurate observation of things about us. Incidentally, the subject of hygiene, stimulants and narcotics is brought into this course, as required by the State.

Reading.

The results in reading obtained in our schools have been somewhat criticised by patrons, and with much justice. For this, teachers are not wholly at fault. Pupils have been very inadequately supplied with reading matter, being forced to read a book repeatedly until it was half committed. Ability to read well what is almost memorized does not constitute a good reader, although up to within a few years it was so considered. Ability to read a selection at first sight is the object for which we should work. To achieve this end, pupils should be allowed to read one lesson but once, and furnished with a variety of reading matter of the same grade of difficulty; as managed in

Berlin, this is done at no more expense than if each grade read but one book. The results of this method will soon be evident. While we do not claim to make finished elocutionists, considering that no part of the school work, we do claim that our pupils are learning, not only to read intelligently but to read with interest, and are unconsciously cultivating the "reading habit" which is worth more to the average boy than can be estimated in dollars and cents, and more than the ability to read one selection, and one only, in a way to please doting parents. Teachers are urged to control and direct this reading habit, by constant reference to the public library, and by encouraging pupils to resort to it. The course in reading, through the whole nine grades, has been carefully laid out, and has been the subject of very favorable comment by educators who have seen it.

It is thought that the Public library will soon issue a graded list of books on its shelves, adapted to juvenile readers in the schools. This will be primarily for the use of teachers, and should be of great advantage to the pupils.

Training Department.

At the opening of the fall term this year, it was decided to throw open such of the primary schools as were adapted by conditions to persons properly qualified who wished to prepare themselves for the peculiar work of these grades. The plan was not advertised at all, but candidates presented themselves very soon and at present it is impossible to accommodate more. The training department at the Sessions school is in charge of Miss Edith W. Jennings, a graduate of Boston English High school and of the Quincy Train-

ing school where she took a two year's course. That at the Cole school is in charge of Miss Lena Smith, a graduate of Natick, Mass.. High school, also of the Quincy Training school, and for some time principal of the Natick Training school. The benefit to teachers desiring to become experts in work of this grade, to be gained by training under such a system is not to be overestimated at the present time when so much responsibility is placed upon primary teachers, a responsibility which extends through the whole of the child's school-life.

It is to the credit of the town of Milan that two of its young ladies were the first to avail themselves of this opportunity.

The course covers twenty-four weeks, including observation, practice, reading and collateral work, under direct supervision of the teacher in charge. Graduates from the course are expected to be willing to teach at least one year in Berlin, at current salary, when their services are required and they will have the preference over graduates of normal schools in these grades.

In closing, the Board takes this opportunity to express its appreciation of the kindly aid and encouragement it has received from many of the citizens, of the accommodation shown us by the treasurer in so arranging matters, even at personal inconvenience, as to promptly meet all demands, and lastly, of the efforts of our present corps of teachers, each one of whom has faithfully endeavored to comply with the wishes of the Board as far as possible, even under occasional discouraging conditions.

F. D. BARTLETT,	}	Board of Education.
- ALICE G. MASON,		
H. W. JOHNSON,		

School.	Teacher.	Date of Appointment.	Where Graduated.	Grade.	Pupils Enrolled.	Sittings.	Avg. No. Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. Attendance.	New Pupils.	Neither Absent or Tardy.
High	4 C. F. Leadbetter, A. M.	July 1890.	Colby University.	High	49	70	45	73	98	6	1
"	4 Eliza P. Osborne, A. B.	"	Boston University.	"	36	39	35	80	1	1	3
"	3 H. Gertrude Andrews.	"	Corham Normal School.	VIII & IX	13	61	72	90	0	3	0
"	2 C. Belle Varney.	Sept. 1890.	Corham Normal School.	VII	25	61	72	90	0	3	0
"	1 Anne C. Hamlin.	Feb. 1890.	Corham Normal School.	VII	25	61	72	90	0	3	0
Col.	1 Lucilla Twissell.	"	Colby Academy.	VI	28	77	85	97	0	1	1
"	3 Carolyn Howard.	Aug. 95.	Colby Academy.	V	47	35	38	97	71	1	1
"	2 Anna D. Newman.	Dec. '96.	Colby Academy.	IV	40	40	34	31	91	0	3
"	1 Lena G. Smith.	Sept. '96.	Colby Academy.	III & IV	60	13	56	1	83	16	3
Brown	1 Marion H. Smith.	July '95.	Colby Academy.	I & II	61	13	50	11	88	10	0
"	3 Blanche Whittem.	Oct. '95.	Colby Academy.	I	52	51	28	7	96	0	0
"	2 Margaret Stanley.	July '96.	Colby Academy.	V	28	30	26	1	97	0	0
"	1 Mary A. Adams.	June '98.	Colby Academy.	II & III	50	42	15	10	88	3	3
Wm. Sessions	2 Florence A. Fitch.	Aug. 94.	Plymouth Normal Sch.	"	28	10	11	35	81	1	1
"	1 Edith W. Jennings.	Aug. 95.	Newburyport Tr. Sch.	III & IV	55	49	43	88	88	8	5
Wharber	1 Walter L. Davis.	Aug. 95.	Colby University.	I & II	71	1	52	16	88	13	4
Cades Hall	1 Anne Laverdin.	May '96.	Colby University.	Mixed.	18	24	15	15	95	5	3
			B. H. S. '97.	"	60	42	5	5	5	5	5

Ina C. Holt, August 1, 1890, \$200, Music.

Leone Aulon, 1895, \$347.50, Janitor.

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL.

GRADUATES, JUNE, 1896.

Helen Maude Clarke,

Training School.

Elmer John Noyes,

Maine State College.

Frank Albert Noyes,

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SENIORS.

Latin Scientific Course:

Ralph Duke,

Lois Twitchell,

William Wardwell.

Classical Course:

Leonora Condon,

Daphne Fernald,

Annie Lavertu,

Jennie Oleson,

Lura Paine,

Nellie Rowell.

JUNIORS.

English Course:

Mabel Hodgdon,

Agnes Marcou,

Josie McLaughlin,

Lizzie Lavertu.

Classical Course:

Bertram Grover,

Wilbur Yates.

SOPHOMORES.

English Course:

Caroline Wheeler.

Latin Scientific Course:

Frank Dooley,

Martha Forist

Maud Lang,

Louise McDonald

Frank Rowell.

Classical Course:

Louis A. Hammond,

Merle Holt.

FRESHMEN.

Leon Bartlett,	Harry Noyes,
Mina Beane,	Otto Oleson,
May Bickford,	Irving Sheridan,
Eva Burbank,	Herbert Stowell,
David Coffey,	Augustus Welch,
Georgie Farwell,	Irma Lavin,
Edith Fothergill,	Edna Jackson,
Jay Frizzell,	Julia Macmaster, "
Walter Hammond,	Josie Montgomery,
Linton McGonaghy,	Eva Muzzey,
Zelma Reed,	Flora Wheeler.

UNCLASSIFIED.

Roderick Blackburn,	Arthur Burbank,
Florence Cowan.	

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the year ending June, 1896:

Guy Burbank,	Brown School, Room 4.
William Kilpatrick,	Sessions School, Room 1.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 15, 1896.	\$500 32
Received from town Treasurer:	
For support of schools,	7,000 00
To pay part of 1894 loan,	800 00
1895 "	1,560 00
For repairs of school-houses,	1,000 00
For books and supplies,	500 00
For seats and blackboards,	300 00
For blinds,	150 00
Savings Bank tax, (state)	642 27
Literary fund, "	385 00
Railroad tax, "	39 35
Received from H. W. Johnson:	
Sale of second hand furniture in Cole's primary school,	25 00
School-house sold to Chas. S. Clarke,	50 00
For tuition,	15 50
Received from H. F. Marston:	
For amount unexpended on appropria- tion for repairs to school-houses,	29 71

\$12,997 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Town Treas. part of '94 loan,	\$800 00
" '95 "	1,560 00
" Int. '94 "	96 00
" " '95 "	280 80

Board of Education, orders on Treas.	\$10,210 22
Cash on hand,	50 13
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	\$12,997 15

LIABILITIES.

Balance due on loan of '94,	\$1,600 00
“ “ '95,	4,680 00
Outstanding orders, '96,	44 00
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	\$6,324 00

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. LETOURNEAU, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Education of the town of Berlin, N. H., for the year ending February 15, 1897, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

IRVING STEARNS,	} Auditors.
JOSEPH H. BATES,	
SCOTT J. MASON,	

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Berlin, N. H., hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, School District Treasurer, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library and Police Court for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1897, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

IRVING STEARNS,
JOSEPH H. BATES, } Auditors.
SCOTT J. MASON,

OUR CITY CHARTER.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven

AN ACT

To establish the city of Berlin.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened.

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Berlin in the county of Coos shall continue to be a body corporate and politic under the name of the City of Berlin.

SECT. 2 Said city of Berlin is hereby divided into three wards, which shall be constituted as follows, namely:

Ward one shall include all that part of said Berlin lying southerly and westerly of the following described line: beginning on the town line between the town of Berlin and the township of Success, where said line is intersected by the range line between ranges nine and ten; thence running westerly on said range line to its intersection with the center line of the location of the Concord and Montreal railroad; thence in a direct line to the center of Dead river where it empties into the Androscoggin river; thence up the center of Dead river to the range line between ranges seven and eight; thence westerly on said range line to its intersection with the town line between the town of Berlin and the township of Kilkenny.

Ward two shall include all that part of said Berlin lying northerly and easterly of the line above described and the following described line:

Beginning on the town line between the town of Berlin and the township of Success where said line is intersected by the range line between ranges eight and nine; thence westerly on said range line to the point where it intersects the established land line between the Glen Manufacturing Company and the Berlin Falls Fibre Company; thence on said land line to the west bank of the Androscoggin river; thence in a direct line to the southerly line of lands now owned and occupied by Philip St. Laurent; thence on the line of said St. Laurent land to School street; thence across School street to the center of Prospect street; thence on the center line of Prospect street as far as it is occupied; thence on the same course as Prospect street to the check line between lots numbered four and five; thence southerly on said check line to the center line of the location of the Grand Trunk Railway; thence on said Railway line to the range line between ranges three and four; thence on said range line to the town line between the town of Berlin and the township of Killenny.

Ward three shall include all that portion of said Berlin not embraced in ward one and two as herein constituted.

SECT. 3. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of said city and the government thereof, shall be vested in one principal officer to be called the mayor, and one board consisting of nine members to be called the council, the members whereof shall be called councilmen. The mayor and council shall sit and act together and compose one body, and in their joint capacity be called the city council.

SECT. 4. The mayor and council created by this act

shall have all the powers, and do and perform in reference to each other, or otherwise, all the duties which mayors, boards of aldermen and common councils of cities are by law authorized or required to do or perform, either separately or otherwise ; and all provisions of the statutes pertaining to the duties or powers of aldermen and common councils of cities, separately or otherwise, shall be construed to apply to said city council unless a contrary intention appears.

SECT. 5. Said city shall constitute one school district, and the administration of all fiscal, prudential and district affairs of said district shall be vested in a city council, except such as shall hereinafter be vested in the school board.

SECT. 6. All property of said town of Berlin, or of the school district of said town, shall be vested in said city, and all debts of said town and said school district shall be considered for all purposes as the debts of said city.

SECT. 7. Each ward shall elect one representative to the General Court until such time as any or all of said wards shall, by virtue of their constitutional rights, be entitled to a greater number.

SECT. 8. Each ward shall at each state biennial election choose by ballot a moderator and three supervisors of check lists, who shall hold office for two years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall receive for their services only such compensation as the city council may vote.

Said supervisors shall perform all the duties required by law of selectmen of wards in cities and supervisors of check lists in towns, and for all purposes requiring such officers, shall be considered select men of said wards.

The present board of supervisors of said town of Berlin shall act as supervisors and selectmen of each of said wards until supervisors are chosen by each of said wards at the next biennial election as herein provided. They shall detail one of their number to attend each meeting in each of said wards at which supervisors are required by law to be present, and such supervisor while in attendance on such meeting, shall have the powers and perform the duties of the full board.

SECT. 9. Said supervisors in regulating and posting check lists, shall be governed by the law applying to the supervisors of towns, their respective wards being considered as a town for such purposes.

SECT. 10. The annual meeting of each ward shall be held on the second Tuesday of March in each year, at such place in said city as may be fixed by said city council. The first meeting of said wards shall be called by the present supervisors of the town of Berlin, at such place as they may select, and said board of supervisors shall prepare a check list for each ward for use at such meetings.

SECT. 11. Each ward at its annual meeting shall elect a councilman who shall serve for three years, and a ward clerk who shall serve for one year, except that at the first election in each ward there shall be elected one councilman to serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

SECT. 12. The mayor of said city shall be chosen annually, and shall have a negative upon all the acts of the council to which his veto power would extend had the city government herein constituted provided for a board of aldermen and such veto power shall extend to individual items of appropriation. He shall preside in all meetings of the city council but shall

have no vote except in case of an equal division. In his absence the council may elect one of their number chairman, who shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of mayor during his absence or disability, or during the vacancy in said office from any cause. The mayor shall receive for his services an annual salary of two hundred dollars, payable semi-annually, which shall be in full for all services of every kind rendered by him in said office.

SECT. 13. The mayor and council shall annually, on the last Monday of March meet for the purpose of taking their respective oaths, and shall elect a city clerk who shall be clerk of the city council and have a salary of two hundred dollars per annum.

SECT 14. Said council shall also, within one week of said annual meeting, appoint a board of three assessors, one from each ward, who shall receive for their services seventy-five dollars each per annum; and said council shall also within thirty days of said annual meeting, appoint a board health of not more than three persons, a city Treasurer, who shall also serve as Treasurer of the board of education and receive as compensation fifty dollars per annum; a city auditor, a collector of taxes, a city solicitor, a city marshall, and police officers, a highway commissioner, a chief engineer and assistant engineers of the fire department, and may create such other governmental departments and elect or appoint such other officers or agents as are necessary for the good government of the city, not otherwise provided for.

The term of such officers shall be for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed: but all officers and agents shall be subject to removal by the city council. The compen-

sation of officers and agents whose salaries are not fixed shall be only such as may be fixed by the city council.

SECT. 15. The general management and control of the public schools and of the buildings and property pertaining thereto, shall be vested in a board of education consisting of three members, who shall be elected by the city council until such time as the city may vote to elect them at their annual ward meetings, or at special meetings called for the purpose. They shall hold office for three years and until their successors are elected and qualified, except the terms of those first elected shall be for one, two and three years respectively. They shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the council and their terms of office shall begin on the first Monday in April of each year. Councilmen shall be ineligible to election as members of the board of education.

SECT. 16. The appropriations for schools shall be vested in the city council and the school board shall be accountable to the city council for its expenditures.

SECT. 17. The police court of the town of Berlin as heretofore existing and constituted, is hereby constituted and established as the police court of the city of Berlin, and all precepts, civil and criminal, which by law are made returnable to, or which have been instituted and were pending before the said police court of the town of Berlin, when the act establishing the city of Berlin shall go into effect, shall be heard and administered in said court under the name of the Police Court of the City of Berlin. The salary of the justice of said police court shall be the sum heretofore fixed by the town of Berlin. The justice of said court may appoint a clerk of the court if provision is made by the

city council of said city for his compensation; but until such provision is made, the justice, or in his absence, the special justice shall be clerk as to all business before them respectively transacted in the court, and such clerk or justice shall keep a full record of all proceedings. The fees and costs imposed by said court shall be for the use of the city of Berlin, and shall be paid over to the city Treasurer, by any person collecting the same.

SECT. 18. All vacancies in the board of education, and in all ward offices shall be filled by the city council.

SECT. 19. The general provisions of the statutes relating to state biennial elections shall apply to all elections for city and ward offices.

SECT. 20. The supervisors of said town shall seasonably post check lists and warrants for said first annual ward meetings, and shall seasonably appoint a moderator and clerk for each of said wards, from the legal voters thereof, who shall, after being duly sworn, have the powers and perform the duties of their respective offices at the first annual election under this act, and until others are elected and qualified. The returns of votes provided by law to be made to the city clerk shall, at said first annual election, be made to said town supervisors, who shall forthwith perform all the duties in relation thereto, which are by law assigned to the mayor and council and city clerk respectively. Said supervisors shall also select and provide a suitable place for the first meeting of the city council, and seasonably notify the members thereof of the place so selected.

SECT. 21. This act shall take effect on the 20th day of February, 1897, provided the town shall before that

date have adopted the same at a legal meeting called for that purpose.

If at any meeting this act shall fail of adoption, it may at the expiration of three months from such meeting and prior to January 1, 1900, be again submitted for adoption.

It shall be the duty of the selectmen to call a meeting of the town to act on said question of adoption in accordance with the foregoing provision upon the petition of ten or more voters of said town.

SELECTMEN'S REMARKS

To the Citizens and Tax-payers of the city of Berlin:

We take pleasure in presenting to you the last annual report of the town of Berlin and we wish to the new city that degree of growth and prosperity that has been given it as a town for the last years past.

Now as we lay aside the reins of government which are so soon to be assumed by a city mayor and his councilmen, we will briefly review the doings of the past year.

County and Town Poor.

This department has been under the care and supervision of Mr. A. B. Forbush and has been managed in a way that can only be creditable to that gentleman and this town. Considering the very large amount of sickness during the past summer and fall it shows extremely careful management on his part when we realize that the entire poor debt has been kept down to \$2621.10 and we can recommend to the new government no better man to have charge of the poor of the city of Berlin than Mr. Forbush.

Liquor Prosecutions.

We find that the prosecution of the liquor sellers in

Coos County has not been so satisfactory as people in general would wish. We have therefore adopted our own methods in transacting this business, and find that with about half the expense we have made for the town a far better showing than has been made heretofore. We call your attention to a comparison of the report of 1896 with this report. The bulk of the income of the Police Court is from the drunks and fines from liquor prosecutions. In the 1896 report there were 282 drunks. In this report 294, yet the income to the town from the police court in the report of 1896 was \$1789.30 while for the past year it is \$6493.14. Yet we have closed up the worst places and the town has seen less liquor sold in that time than for a number of years past.

Fire Department.

In the past year this town has taken some great steps toward advancement in this. We have now a first-class Gamewell fire alarm system, and a first-class fire department, consisting of three hose companies and one hook and ladder Company, headed by a very competent chief engineer. Under the old system, in case of fire, we had to run to the Glen Mill, No. 1, and give the alarm. All the departments would then lose much valuable time in ascertaining the location of the fire unless it had by that time reached a stage when the smoke or flames could be seen. And every one knows that time is an important factor in putting out fire. Now we have ten fire alarm boxes, and all that is necessary is to go to the box nearest the fire, break the glass, unlock the box, pull down the lever and that box number is sounded from the big whistle at Glen Mill No. 1. The firemen then know where to go to find the fire. Anyone who will examine the build-

ings when fires have occurred this winter will be satisfied that our department and assistance are almost all that can be desired. We have overrun our appropriations in this department, but think that every man in town will agree with us that our firemen must be paid, and so we have paid them. And, besides purchasing a fire alarm system, we have bought 800 feet of fire hose.

Highways.

This department has also overrun the appropriations. Yet we believe every dollar of the money has been laid out to good advantage. One reason for the account having been overrun is the fact that almost every bridge in town had to be re-built. The "Senator" believes in having everything built in a solid way so he has had many of the bridges built of stone, and those built of wood have been made in the very best manner possible, thus settling the bridge question for the new city for many years to come.

New Hose House.

This is another appropriation that has been a little over run. This is from the fact that we had to pay for the lot on which the new hose house No. 3 now stands. It was understood that the land would be given for the building, but we found that we had to pay \$130. for the lot, and that not in the location which we would most wish. However, we have a good lot owned by the town, and on it a very fine hose house.

Police.

Owing to the large amount of building which has been going on the past summer and the consequent number of people coming to town, the number of our police force could not safely be diminished, therefore the expense has been about the same in this department as in previous years.

Interest.

In the matters of interest we would suggest that it be one of the first things brought before the city officials to issue in place of the short time notes now continually maturing some kind of long time papers, thus lessening by discount and commissions the higher rate of interest that a city should not be subject to.

We have faithfully endeavored to carry out the wishes and vote of the town in the matters of appropriation and we respectfully submit the last annual report of the town of Berlin.

J. HOWARD WIGHT,	} Selectmen of Berlin.
PHILIP E. BEAUDOIN,	
C. C. GEBRISH,	

VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report." I hereby submit the following:—

CYRUS L. DOE, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BERLIN FOR 1896.

Date.	Name of Child	Sex	Living or Dead.	Child.	Name of Father.	Name of Mother.	Residence.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
January	1	M	L	1	J. C. Murry.	Belle Fortier	Berlin	Papermaker	Scotland	Maine
	1			2	Chas. C. Gerrish	Lila May Chamberlin		Merchant	Durham, Me.,	Stewartstown
	3	F		2	Frank Dammers	Rosie Jolicouer		Laborer	Canada	Berlin, N.H.,
	4			3	Edward Martineau	Eva Renaud				Canada
	5	M		5	Edmond Laroche	Dellane Bourque				
	5	F		1	Henry Mooney	Ellen Deane				
	7	F		2	Joseph Marcoux	Marie Louise Outmet				
	8	M		7	Samuel Sproule	Jessie Ross		Millwright	Cherryfield, Me.,	Nova Scotia
	8			2	Alfred Mason	Martha Borvesen		Laborer	Norway, Europe,	Norway, Europe
	11			3	William Hamel	Cleuse Outil			Canada	Canada
	11			4	Tules Tondreau	Nilda Nolin				
	13	F		4	Joseph Lavigne	Virginie Bossonneau		Barber	England	England
	13			10	Napoleon Baillargeon	Flavie Samson		Laborer	Dummer, N.H.,	Berlin, N.H.,
	13			7	D. W. Geckwith	Elizabeth Myers		Business	Canada	Canada
	13			2	John D. Lary	Esther Mosso		Laborer	Lancaster, N.H.,	Dummer, N.H.
	15	M		3	Etienne Laroche	Amanda Lemieux			Canada	Saranac, N.Y.
	16			1	John McCulvy	May Murphy		Millman	Chelsea, Mass.	Canada
	16			2	Thomas Shields	Emma Leighton		Civil Engineer		
	17			1	H. S. Ferguson	Jennie Gill		Laborer		
	19	F	D	9	—Morrisette	Helen Provancher				
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January 21	Valerie	M	L	2	Warcheline Nadeau	Orise Hamel	Berlin	Laborer	Canada	Canada
22		F		4	Frank Ruel	Rose Gounau				
23				7	Philias Blais	Marie Rosseau				
25			D	6	Pierre Rivard	Marie Lavoie		Brakeman		
26		F	L	2	Joseph Routhiea	Ann e Lagace		Laborer		
26				5	Pete Chassie	Amanda Fortier				
26				1	Thomas Horne	Edith Sanderson				
February 2				4	Fred Byrd	Jane Hamilton	Berlin	Blacksmith	Canada	Dummer, N.H.
3		M		5	Fred Beaudoin	Maria Audier				Canada
5		F		2	Joseph P. Dubey	Lizzie D. Moffett		Electrician		
11		M	D	2	Joseph L. Henreux	Ouelie Cota		Laborer		
17		M	L	2	Jacob Betz	Caroline Pretz				
17				1	Joseph Lebreque	Olida Carreau				
19		F		4	Pete Ouellette	Eveline Lafam				
21		M		2	Pat McGee	Mary E. Shuke		Millman		
21		F		8	Irene Boucher	Malvina Germain				
21				1	Joseph Lang	Marriane Levesque		Laborer		
23		M		4	George F. Clinch	Marger t McCurdy		Carpenter	New Brunswick	Pennsylvania
26				5	Irving Vincent	Anna Waluwright		Candy M'r'r	Mill n, N.H.	Charle town
27				10	Ceuls Bilod au			Ma o i	Canada	Canada
28		F		7	Xavier Roy	Philomene Carrier		Laborer		
March 1				8	Samuel Thibault					
1		M		6	August Johnson	Agnes Larson			Sweden	Norway
1		F		2	Alfred Bernard	Elmine Jeffrey			Canada	Canada
4				8	Joseph E. Roy	O-seline Cote				
4		M		3	James L. Beattie	Ella Lawrence		Meat Dealer	Hanover, N.H.	Madison, Wis
4		F		1	Napoleon Couture	Regina Falaro		Laborer	Canada	Berlin
6		M		2	E. E. Decker	Hattie waite		Pulpmaker	Maine	Norway
6		F		6	Theodore Arneson	Mary Hanson		Laborer	Norway	Canada
7	Theasie			4	Joseph Coron	Odelia Lannane				
10		M		5	On-sine Arsenault	Fleuriette Shibandeau				
12		F		14	Fredere c Couture	Marie Louise Contin				
14				1	George Nadeau	Rosamea Morris				
16				2	Ferdinand Devoux	Jennie Fournier				

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March	16	M	L	3	Prine Demers	Lemerise Contin	Berlin	Laborer	Canada	Canada
	17	F		2	Wilfred A. Hodgdon	Alice Goebel		Lumberman	Milan, N.H.	Cornith, N.Y.
April	18	M		3	Pete Contin	Aplonsmie Valliers		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	18	M		6	Sineon Halle	Victoria Santerle		Millwright		
	19			8	Victor Bergeron	Marie Gaisson		Laborer		
	20			5	Amie A. Toussaint	Leobertine Petit				
	22	F		1	Frank Landry	Rosanna Lachereau				
	23	M		4	Elezear Roberge	Della Patenaude				
	25			1	Jos P. Gagne	— Carrier				
	26			3	Louis Touquay	Exilda Roy				
	26			4	Jean B. Morneau	Leonela Biland				
	29			2	Francois Fortier	Emilie Lambert				
	30	F		1	William Plnette	Josephine Joncas				
	1			1	Chas Descoteux	Malvina Marcoux				
	3			3	Frank Overback	Marguerite Langegey				
	3			2	Geo. M. Arthur	Lilly Morrison				
	4	M		3	Pierre Roy	Lida Labarre				
	4			1	Felix Paquin	Katie O'Grady	P. E. I.		P. E. I.	
	5			1	Etienne Tremblay	Rosalie Matteau	U. S.		U. S.	
	5	F		1	A. L. Knowlton	Cora Holmes		Electrician	Hadley Falls	Canada
	4			4	Esdras Mercier	Eugene Dumas		Laborer	Canada	Mass
	7			3	Joseph Hamel	Della Bisson				
	7			5	P. lu Pehrson	Matilda Johnson				
	8	M		4	Morille Bonhard	Amelia Simar		Millwright	Fort Kent, Me	Norway
	8			1	James Johnson	Hanna Erickson		Laborer	Sweden	Canada
	9	F		3	Willie Oleson	Delia Devine		Clerk	Norway	Finland
	9			6	Alfred Barbin	Adile Jonca		Superintendent	Berlin, N.H.	Ireland
	10			5	Alphonse Rancour	Marianne Rivet		Carpenter	(olebrook	
	10			2	Lout. Senechal	Caroline Parodis		Laborer	Canada	
	11			5	Etienne Robarge	L. a Lambert				
	11	M		3	Desire Dubey	Vitaline Levesque				
	13			1	John Kelly	Sarah Pickford		Put-maker		
	18			5	Phildine Tondreau	Elise Bouchard		Laborer		
	22			6	John Sheridan	Annie Mitchell		Real Estate		

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April							Berlin			
25		F	L	8	Alex Demers	Marie Desloge		Laborer	Canada	Canada
25				2	Chas. Nelson	Carrie Johnson			Norway	Norway
26		M		11	Louis Colean	Lunnia Cardotte			Canada	Canada
26				6	Theodore Lenbert	Annie Koc engler			Germany	Germany
27				1	Hosea Spaulding	Florence Baldwin		Clerk	Berlin, N.H.	Newport, K'y.
28		F		3	Elie Gagne	Juliette Dulerule		—	Canada	Canada
28		M	D	5	Pierre Barbin	Nancy Dupill		Laborer	Berlin	Berlin
1	May	M	L	1	Herman Martins n	Augusta Johnson		Chemist	Norway	Norway
2				3	L. I. Welcome	Emma Woodbury		Photographer	Concord, N.H.	Bay City, Mich.
2		F		2	Alfred Cote	Amanda Willett		Laborer	Canada	Canada
4		M		8	Geo. Brown	Annie Brown			Ireland	N. S.
8		F		2	Jean B. Sivoir	Georgianna Matteau		Carpenter	Canada	Percy, N.H.
8		M		2	Raymond Daigle	Luce Belanger		Laborer	Fort Kent, Me	Canada
9		M		7	Joe Roberg	Caroline Cadorette				
9	Theophile	M		6	Frank Morin	Philomene Guay				
10		F		3	Hilaire Morin	Desine Lacosse				
10	Janet	M		2	J. E. Marriner	Harriet Thorpe		Millwright	Maine	Maine
12				2	Aea Ingalls	Susie Rix		Laborer	P. E. I.	P. Q.
12		M		1	Alec Mendock	Clara Smith			Canada	Canada
12				1	Michael Bourque	Elizabeth Archer				
13				8	Edward Bernier	Emma Lemelin			Norway	N.B.
16				7	Gus' Anderson	Gussie Hokensen		Stonecutter	Canada	Canada
18			D	1	Herbert Sullivan	Annie Wallace		Laborer	P. E. I.	P. E. I.
18				1	Narcisse Peloquin	Lydia Lablanc		Contractor	Canada	Canada
18		F	L	2	Nelson Gay	Wanna Lidstone		Laborer	N. B.	N. B.
22		M		7	Didier Ireland	Victoria Compagne				
23		M		1	Felix Shallon	Rose Boyle				
24		F		1	Thomas Enman	Isabell Scott				
24		M		14	J. A. Morrieite	Emile Provoncher		Trader	Germany	N. B.
24			D	1	Samuel Black	Rosie Bernan		—	Canada	Germany
24			L	5	John Davidson	Josephine Lawrence son		Plumber	Norway	Norway
25				5	Napoleon Roy	Henrietta Fortin		Laborer	Canada	Canada
28				5	Archille Landry	Clara Garneau				
28				3	Pierre Fleuquin	Exilia Martineau		Baker		

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May	28	M	L	4	Theophile Royes	Lea Roy	Berlin	Laborer	Belgium	Canada
	29			4	Joseph Richard	Marie Bidard			Canada	
	31			2	Joseph Falarido	Marie Laclair				
June	1	F		6	David Roberge	Elenore Confu		Carpenter	Norway	Sweden
	3	M		3	Edmund Schamlier	Rose Marquis		Tailor		
	4	F		5	John Oleson	Annie Johnson		Laborer		
	5	M		1	Malcolm Roberge	Azelie Fortier				
	7	F		8	Celestin Lacasse	Marie Fournier				
	8	M	D	7	John Doyle	Mary Ann Kelly				
	12	F	L	1	Eugene Hill	Rose Leighton		Millwright	Machias, Me	Randolph, N.H.
	15	F		1	Alec McPherson	Catherine McDona'd		Foreman	Nova Scotia	
	19	M		3	Eloi Frechette	Addie Charest		Laborer	Canada	Berlin
	19			6	Bruno Lebrun	Sara Carrier				Canada
	20			5	J. A. Hodgdon	Tillie Fernald		Merchant	Illian, N.H.	Berlin
	21	F		4	Martin Lydon	Annie M. Toney		Laborer	Ireland	Portland, Me
	22	M		2	George Bouthet	Anna Lambert		Plumber	Canada	
	22			6	Celestin Lafiam	Lidia Guay		Laborer		
	23			7	Ronald Charrier	Philomene Patrie				
	25			5	Algisit Nuteau	Marie Garrity				
	26	Harold A.		1	Albert H. Eastman	Lillian Briggs		Banker	Columbia, N.H.	Pembroke, Me
	27			3	Larry Muzrat	Mary Monahan		Foreman	N. B.	N. B.
	27			4	Chas Blanchette	Philomene Durette		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	29			4	Thomas Walsh	Julia Lydon		Section Man	Ireland	Ireland
July	29	M		4	Octave Lafiam	Hellen Kelly		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	31			2	Gottip Belz	Dorothea Meister				
	4	F		3	John Rix	Minney Kearney				
	6			6	Baptiste Plaisance	M. Confu				
	8			4	Alfred Duval	Eliza Royer				
	15	M		4	Joe Genoron	Adele Demers				
	11			1	William Larrivee	Anna Bedard				
	11			4	Tom Kelly	Alice McKinnon		Papermaker	N. B.	N. B.
	12	Ashland		1	A. M. Wilson	Mary Hazzard		Clerk	England	
	12			5	James King	Rose D. Robey			Canada	Canada
	13	Armenia		4	George Corbin	Elna Charette		Laumberman	U. S.	U. S.

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July	14 Ernest Boily	F	L	3	Ernest Boily	Delphine Sinard	Berlin	Laborer	Canada	Canada
	17 Fred Berwick	M		3	Fred Berwick	Margie Bodkin				
	17 Jacob	M		3	L. A. Dresser	Emily Jewell		Merchant	South Paris, Me	Waltham, Mass
	15 Sam. Fortier	F		6	Sam. Fortier	Julie Saponite		Clerk	Canada	Canada
	16 Luke Martin	F		2	Luke Martin	Jennie Fernald		Laborer	Berlin	Berlin
	16 Rosie	M		10	Joe Tellier	Severing Contine				Canada
	16 Michel Arsenault	M		15	Michel Arsenault	Alice Budean				
	16 John D. Annis	F		1	John D. Annis	Ellen Watkins		Clerk	Millsfield, N.H.	Glenfield, N.H
	17 Adam Lofe	F		7	Adam Lofe	Anna Boesen		Stone Mason	Norway	Norway
	18 Edward Davidson	M		4	Edward Davidson	Catherine Hogan		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	18 Joseph	F		4	True P. Dustin	Alma Cates		Farmer	Bethel, Me	Berlin
	19	M		3		Annie Gagnon				
	20			2	Philias Hamel	Sara Montminy		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	22 Theophile Bernier			1	Theophile Bernier	Delia Duclos				
	23 Joe Gilbert	F		6	Joe Gilbert	Olivine Gregoire				
	25 S. Rousseau	F		5	S. Rousseau	Cilanne Lefebvre		Druggist		
	25 Celestin Lacroix	M		8	Celestin Lacroix	Rosanna Cloutier		Laborer		
	26 Prudent Dion	F		4	Prudent Dion	Philomene Culcomb				
	26 Letitia	F		9	P. J. Audley	May McQuire		Grocer	Ireland	
Aug.	26 Francis	M		5	W. McGivney	Elizabeth Kelly		Livery man	Canada	Canada
	27 Nellie	F		3	U. J. Hedrich	Myrtle Jackson		Cigar maker	U. S.	U. S.
	27 Edgar	M		1	W. B. Grover	Belle Rogers		Shoemaker	Bethel, Me	N. Bridgton
	28			2	Joseph H. Roy	Rosalie Fortier		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	31 L. A. Rowell	F		3	L. A. Rowell	Mina Leslie		Mason	Skowhegan, Me	Kingsfield, Me
	1 Lizzie Scott	M		1	Thomas Comber	Lizzie Scott		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	3 Adelaïd Morin	M		5	Adelaïd Morin	Elmire Landry				
	3 Thomas Daigle	M		3	Thomas Daigle	Madeline Lang			Fort Kent, Me	Fort Kent, Me
	6 John Kingston	F	D	1	John Kingston	Johanna Shay			Canada	Canada
	10 John Lavoie	M	L	3	John Lavoie	Amanda Gagnon				
	11 Joseph Aubert	F		4	Joseph Aubert	Delphine Thibault				
	11 A. N. Gilbert	F		6	A. N. Gilbert	Sara Gilbride				
	11 Frank Stone			10	Frank Stone	Phoebe Chandler		Contractor		
	11 Fidelis Lablanc			3	Fidelis Lablanc	Annie Benoit		Lumberman	Stratford	Dummer
	11			4				Tipper	Canada	Canada

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Sept.	15 Agnes	F	L	7	Ambrose Gilbert.	Sara Corrier	Berlin	Carpenter	Canada	Canada
	17			1	Alex Chabot	Clara Garant		Laborer		
	18			2	Joseph Delorme	Mari Morel		Cigarmaker		
	19	M		7	Carl Stenberg	Sara Andreson		Laborer	Sweden	Sweden
	20	F		6	Joseph Taylor	Josephine Racine		Tailor	Canada	Canada
	20	F		2	Edward Willard	Winie Glines		Laborer	England	Groveton, N.H.,
	21	M		8	Louis Leclair	Odele Poulot			Canada	Canada
	21			5	Peter Peterson	Hilca Housen			Norway,	Norway
	22	F		2	Paul Grenier	Clmie Huard		Shopkeeper	Europe	Europe
	22			2	Edward Therrien	Deliva Muland		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	25			9	Joe Gamache	Marie Charisman				
	26			2	Edward Barrows	Maggie Donahue				
	9	M		1	William Farland	Emma Hamel				
	0	F		13	Peter Gunn	Marie Crepeau			Canada	
	1	M		5	J. B. Marchand	A. Dislets		Clerk		Berlin, N.H.
	2	M		5	W. Babson	Ada Bates		Druggist		Fort Kent, Me
	3	F		6	Joseph Rossi	Alice Chaust		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	3	M		2	A. Moreau	Artini se Bergeron		Barber	Lancaster, N.H.,	Lancaster, N.H.,
	4			1	Harry D. Shea	Nettie Wilson		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	5			9	Edmond Clontier	Delima Poleot		Mechanic	Whitefield, N.H	Whitefield, N.H
	9	F		1	Thomas Maguire	Mary Dooley		Laborer		
	9			1	Joe Marthien	R. Borngant		Pulpmaker		
	9	M		4	Neson Martel	Sara Cherboneau		Laborer		
	9	F		7	Fabien Lafrance	Malvina Noel		Stone Mason		
	9	F		3	Alfred Bouchard	Sara Lambert		Laborer		
	9			3	Anedie Morrisette	Octavie Bilband				
	9			11	William Cyer	Ludmille Servguy				
	10			3	Jean Ouilette	Celina Lefebvre				
	11	M		2	James Gagne	Marie Roy				
	12	F		5	Chas Jolbert	Julie Colette		Engineer	Stoneham, Me	Stoneham, Me
	12	M		7	P. S. Spears	Matt e Hozelt ns		Laborer	Albany, N. Y.	Berlin, N.H.,
	12	F		3	Alfred Moreau	Eugenie Desilets			Middleton, O	Canada
	12			1	Thomas Flatley	Katie Golden				
	13			2	John Poirier	Josephine Tondreau				

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Oct.	19	M	L	4	Eugene Bontin	Anna Bergeron	Berlin	Laborer	Canada	Canada
	20	F		3	Samuel Fournier	Joséphine Couture		Jobber	Monlon, Me	Johnstown, Me
	21	M		4	John Rogers	Hattie Oliver		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	22	F		3	Alfred Morrisette	Georgianna Chat neuf		Restaurant	Lancaster, N.H	Berlin
	23	M		1	Thomas Shortlan	Belle Moffett		Farmer	Upton, Me	P. E. I.
	24	M		2	John C. West	Emily Enman		Shoemaker	Canada	Canada
	25	F		2	George Descherie	Elenore Deisle		Builder	N.B.	Bethel, Me
	26	M		3	Robert Sno Igrass	Ina Chapman		Surveyor	Canada	P. Q.
	27	F		1	Ed Gillis	Marguerite Mooney		Shoe dealer	Canada	Canada
	28	M		7	Philip Beaudoin	Odelia Beaudoin		Laborer	Dover, N.H.	Casco, Me
	29	F		2	George Heath	Cora Mann			Canada	Lewiston
	30	M		3	Anguste Bouffard	Nilda Duval			Canada	Canada
	31	M		4	Napoleon Thivierge	Lena Lohour		Baker	Norway	Norway
Nov.	1	F		3	Elzear Roseau	Georgianna Frichette		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	2	M		4	Fred Johnson	Martia Harmanasen		Papermaker	Lewiston	Winthrop
	3	M		2	Napoleon Morin	Zelia St Pierre		Laborer	Canada	Canada
	4	F		4	Norman Lees	Lillian M. Plant		Truckman		
	5	F		13	Felix Brown	Aithemise Rene		Laborer		
	6	F		6	Chas Labreque	Celin Corron		Laborer		
	7	M		3	Mark Sullivan	Marie Lemieux		Millwright		
	8	F		6	Pete Sloan	Charles Spiers		Sawyer		
	9	M		3	Pete Larochelle	Anna Fortier		Laborer		
	10	F		4	William Couture	Emma Thibault				
	11	M		10	Homere McNil	Rosanna Marchand		Stonecutter		
	12	F		2	Edmond Sullivan	Joséphine McCarty		Painter		
	13	M		1	Napoleon Teabo	Eva Fernald		Laborer		
	14	F		1	Chas Biledeau	Cezarie Le France				
	15	M		3	Pierre Coutois	Clarina Biledeau				
	16	M		4	Sam Sablanc	Sophie F. urnier				
	17	F		2	Jos Blanchet	Georgianna Felamand				
	18	M		2	Bonald Campbell	Ada F. Davi s				
	19	F		2	Dionysius Gullis	Mary Sheridan				
	20	M		13	Aurusta Provancher	Malvina Girardin				

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Dec.	1	M	L	6	Adelard Provancher	Victoria Prince	Berlin	Laborer	Canada	Canada
	2	F	L	11	Joe Vaillancour	Georgianna Belanger				
	3	M	L	4	John Gagne	Clara Lemieux				
	4	M	L	3	Eugene Palmer	Dela Peabody				
	5	M	L	2	Thomas Preunau	Catherine Buckley				
Nov.	5	M	L	3	Joe Paratis	Marie Rose Contin	Millwright Laborer	Carpenter Laborer	N. B. Canada	N. B. Canada
	29	M	L	1	Alfred Fortier	Marie Landry				
	29	F	L	2	Jos. Desroches	Marie Contin				
	5	M	L	4	Jos. Savard	Sunnia Aubin				
	5	M	L	3	Alexander Reid	Margaret Youngcliss				
Dec.	5	M	L	3	Lazare Croteau	Diana Croix	Pennsylvania Canada	Stenographer Laborer	Machias, Me Canada	Machias, Me Canada
	5	F	L	3	Joseph Lebet	Alice Oulette				
	9	M	L	3	Sam Couture	Delaine Trepanier				
	9	F	L	2	A. Lamontagne	Amanda Goudreau				
	11	F	L	1	Fred Wilmot	Bernice Duke				
	17	M	L	7	Pierre Lemire	Marie Arnold	Norway Canada	Carpenter Laborer	Sweden Berlin Canada	Sweden Berlin Canada
	18	M	L	6	C. Derrosters	Marie Caron				
	21	F	L	5	Napoleon Gosselin	Delina Pouliot				
	21	M	L	6	Pierre Rivard	Marie Lavoie				
	21	M	L	1	August Martineau	Ida Nelson				
	24	F	L	1	Joseph Druant	Mathilda Valier	Gorham Canada	Laborer	Biddleford Canada	Biddleford Canada
	24	M	L	4	Philis Coucoumb	Matilda Gagne				
	24	F	L	2	Pierre Ladum	Marie Montminy				
	24	F	L	6	Fred Bell	Malvina Laczier				
	24	M	L	4	Xavier Croteau	Josephine Nadeau				
	27	F	L	6	Albert Croteau	Amanda Toussaint	Laborer	Laborer	—	—
	27	F	L	4	Etienne Larocelle	Amanda Lemieux				
	27	F	L	4	Baptiste Fillion	Virginie Lamy				
	29	M	L	8	Joseph John	Applue Simard				
	30	M	L	6	J. J. Smith	—				

I hereby certify that the above record of births is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 CYRUS L. DOE, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BERLIN FOR 1896.

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence.	Age.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Name of Father.	Name of Mother.	Name, Residence, and official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 1	Berlin	Thomas Lydon	Berlin	29	Tinsmith	Gorham	John Lydon	Mary Cady	Rev. E. D. Mackey, Berlin
3		Lizzie Lee	Lewiston	23	At home	Lancaster	Charles Lee	Ellen Farnam	N. Connoyer, Berlin
7		Delphine Pepin	Manchester	41	Laborer	P. Q.	Eugene Pepin	Julie Roy	W. B. McMaster, Berlin
11		Delma Roy	Berlin	37	Houskeeper	P. E. I.	Thomas Roy	Lucy Roy	Frank C. Potter, Berlin
15		Edmund Arling		25	Moulder	P. Q.	Edmund Arling	Sarah Merry	J. Eames, Lancaster
28		Maggie Ross		29	Houskeeper	Canada	John Calbec	Sarah Fitzpatrick	E. D. Mackey, Berlin
8		Arthur Lamontaine		21	Mason	Canada	Pierre Lamontaine	Marie Fischer	F. C. Potter, Berlin
15		Elmo Waittite		20	Houskeeper	Sheffield, Ill.	J. Waittite	Sabonite Lane	E. D. Mackey, Berlin
28		Foss T. McNally		29	Merchant	Milan	F. McNally	Sarah Bennett	E. D. Mackey, Berlin
8		S. Bil G. Page		24	At home	Canada	G. W. Page	Endora Twitchell	F. C. Potter, Berlin
15		John W. Smith		21	St. Engineer	Canada	A. Smith	Mary Penny	J. B. Caruthers, Berlin
18		Mary Reynolds	Milan	21	Lumberman	P. E. I.	M. Reynolds	Bridget Sheridan	Geo. F. Rich, Berlin
22		Jos. Dyrant	Berlin	26	Laborer	Italy	A. Vallier	Agnes Gullant	F. C. Potter, Berlin
24		Mathilda Vallier		21	Housework	Upton, Me	Louis Vallier	Sara Lacomt	W. B. McMaster, Berlin
18		Samuel Moore		20	Farmer	N. B.	James Moore	Nelle Saxoy	C. Houlla, Berlin
22		Jane Valley		19	Housework	P. E. I.	M. Briton	Sara Richardson	E. D. Mackey, Berlin
24		Paul West		22	Laborer	England	J. P. West	Mary Powers	F. C. Potter, Berlin
18		Josephine Euman	Albany, Me	17	At home	Stark	Thomas Euman	Isaac Davies	W. B. McMaster, Berlin
22		Howard Powers	Stark, N. H	16	At home	Germany	James Powers	Joshua Lunn	C. Houlla, Berlin
24		Louise Davies	Berlin	27	Laborer	N. B.	Isaac Davies	M. Emdet	E. D. Mackey, Berlin
19		E. F. Carver	N. Y. city	22	Housework	Canada	E. Carver	John Mhu	L. R. Danforth, Lancaster
27		Artemise Lang	Berlin	19	Riverman	N. B.	M. Lang	M. Lang	A. S. Stowell, Berlin
30	Lancaster	Frank Gahagan	Groveton	26	Laborer	Shert brooke	J. Gahagan	B idget Davies	F. C. Potter, Berlin
5	Berlin	May McLuskey	Berlin	21	Clerk	N. B.	Pat. McLuskey	Harriet Goudard	E. D. Mackey, Berlin
9		Orville Tracy	Berlin	23	Compositor	N. B.	N. Tracy	Margaret Jackson	L. R. Danforth, Lancaster
15		Grace D. Keene	Berlin	22	Laborer	P. E. I.	W. F. Keene	John Morrison	A. S. Stowell, Berlin
28		Wallace Graves		17	At home	Canada	John Graves	Blendo Harvey	F. C. Potter, Berlin
30		Annie Morrison		23	Laborer		Elizabeth Kelly		
9		David Blandin		20	Cotton mill		E. Breauleau		

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May 14		Nicholas Lepage Leam Lohouse	Berlin	31 Carpenter 22 At home	Canada	N. LePAGE	Lizzie Silver	C. Houle, Berlin
17		Ebenezer Gagnon Jennie Holmes		20 Papermaker	Pepperell	David Lohouse	Margaret Albrecht	E. D. Mackey
19 Groveton		Morris Hardy Macjorie Adams		17	Lancaster	P. X. Gagnon	Mary Morrisette	Berlin
26		Nicholas Lapointe	Lewiston	21 Carpenter	Farmington	A. F. Holmes	Amelia Webb	John M. Wilson, J. P.
22		Annie Marshall Edith Benwick	Berlin	19 House work	Madison	James Hardy	Elizabeth Keith	Groveton
2		Wm. Thompson Elizabeth Conigan		24 Cook	Canada	Leoni Adams	Ellen Manning	C. Houle,
2		Arthur L. Hobson Alice C. Gale		28		John Lapointe	Margaret Foster	Berlin
10 Haverhill		Geo. F. Rich Pearla Mason	Beeching P's Berlin	24 Pressmaker 25 Engineer		David Marshall	Mary O'Halloran	W. B. McMaster, Berlin
10 Berlin		Charles Gray Sydney Deane	Haverhill	24 At home	Haverhill	Wm. Berwick	Edna Gilbert	E. D. Mackey, Berlin
21		Joseph Threlkaut Rosanna Vallier		23 Lawyer	Bedford, Me	Henry Rowe	Hannah McCarty	Geo. H. Reed, Berlin
24		Alfred Anderson Jennie Augustine	Berlin	21 At home	Berlin	Edw. Thompson	Ida Noyes	J. B. Carruthers, Berlin
2		Alfred Burke Victoria Bergeron		25 Foreman	Canada	James Corrigan	Anna Brown	W. B. McMaster, Berlin
4		Leona J. Rix Pearlport Clinch		24 At home		John L. Holson	Sarah E. Beane	N. Conoyour, Berlin
4		Myrtle Hoffman Chlophas Lemieux		21 At home		S. H. Gale	Anna Howard	S. N. Carmoe, Berlin
6				23 Engineer		Wm. Gray	Isabella Hamilton	N. Conoyour, Berlin
				24 At home		Wm. Deane	Louise Fushford	F. C. Potter, Berlin
					Sweden	Alfred Thibault	— Poirrier	J. Howard Wright, J. P.
					N. B.	Francis Vallier	Emma Augustine	Berlin
					P. E. L.	Anders Anderson	Susan Duprey	Berlin
					N. B.	A. Augustine	—	Berlin
					Dummer	Lazare Barre	Emily Williamson	Berlin
					Canada	S. E. Paine	Annie McArthur	—
						Robert Rix	Caroline Spers	—
						Joseph Clinch	Jennie Mackey	—
						Allen Harriman	—	—
						Jos. Lemieux	—	—
						Richard Marcon	—	—

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Aug.	19 Berlin	Alden B. Chaney Mabel Miles	Boston Lisbon, Me	22 28	Ins. Broker At home	At sea Pough K.	Alden Chaney Wm. Miles	Josephine McNear Elizabeth Emerson	C. L. Doe, J. P., Berlin
21		Daniel Dwyer	Liv'ing's	28	Paper-maker	Lowell	John Dwyer	Elizabeth Collins	" "
22		Nora Deo	Ausonia	20	Servant	Boston	Patrick Deo	Mary Kelly	N. Conoyour, Berlin
23		Wm. McCarly Alice Holway	Solom, Me	19 21	Cigar-maker At home	Ansonia Windsor	Wm. McCarly Samner Holway	Maria Barton	" "
24		Alex. Rivard	Berlin	18	Paper-maker	Canada	Moses Rivard	Agnes Lafrancols	" "
24		Mary Labouso		20	At home		David Labouso	Margaret Merveler	" "
24		Mitchel Labouso		17	Paper-maker	Berlin	David Labouso	Flavia Sampson	" "
29	Gorham	Rosell v. Bergeron Christon Schloff	Groveton P. Q.	22 21	At home Hostler	Craftsbury P. Q.	Adm. Schloff	Eliza Bagley	A. S. Twitchell, J. P., Gorham
2		Cora Lamkin	Berlin	25	Servant	Fort Fair'd R. Power	Ellen Young	Lucena Hill	F. C. Potter, Berlin
2	Dummer	Ernest Powers	Pres-quelslo	18	Pulp-maker		James Bradley	F. Ance's Nichols	" "
2		Emma Bradley	Berlin	17	Servant	Lydon, N. Y.	Selma Rythers	Frederic Lawrence	" "
12	Berlin	Dennis Ryther Gentrolle Muzzio	Dummer	27 27	Book-keeper Teacher	Dummer	Carlton Muzzio	Charlotte Twitchell	A. S. Stowell, Berlin
17		Everett W. Pratt	Berlin	20	Carpenter	Bath, Me	Sanford Pratt	Angelina Sedgley	" "
21		Charles E. Dale		15	At home	Michigan	Charles Dale	Susan Ellen	" "
21		Charles E. Dale		38	R. R. Trackman	Sweden	Charles E. Dale	Loise Swinson	" "
21		Louise Pederson		29	Servant	Norway	John Pederson	Maria Johnson	" "
21		Adlard Reid		28	C. printer	Canada	Dennis Reid	Z. Tu-geon	" "
16		Alvina Pouloof		24	Servant		Pierre Pouloof	Adela Sadena	" "
16		Charles D. Stevens	Farmington	25	Laborer	Freeman	Alonso Stevens	Mary Colecut	N. Conoyour, Berlin
16		Louise Corbett	N. Vhieu'd	28	Servant	N. B.	John Owen	Rebecca Smith	C. L. Doe, J. P., Berlin
22		William Reid	Berlin	20	Laborer		Alexander Reid	Annie Mager	F. C. Potter, Berlin
22		Leona Wright		19	Servant	Cambridge	Pearley Wright	Norris Sweet	" "
21		Thomas M. Hoy		25	Milkman	Madison	John Mulloy	Bridget Lydon	E. D. Ma. key, Berlin
21		Emma Smith		21	At home	Canada	Hugh Smith	Catherine Fitzpatrick	" "
21		Edward Gillis		29	Surveyor	N. B.	John Gillis	Mary O'Connor	" "
23		Margaret Mooney		21	Housework	Quebec	Frank Mooney	Mary McCarthy	" "
23		Nicholas Belanger		26	Laborer	Canada	Nicholas Belanger	Virgine Valenour	N. Conoyour, Berlin
25		Mary Willett		16	At home		Stephen Willett	U. Lebevre	" "
25		Arthur Bradley		16	Shoemaker	Buxton, Me	A. H. Bradley	Nettie Braden	C. L. Doe, J. P., Berlin
		Lena Derby	Claremont	20	At home	Kene, N. H.	Chas. Derby	Hannah O'Brien	" "

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Sept. 30	Berlin	Charles Mitchell Laura J. Daley	Berlin	27	Pulpmaker	N. B.	Wm. Mitch II	Margaret Simpson	J. B. Carruthers, Berlin
Oct. 2		Edward Ferland	Canada	26	Servant	Canada	Patrick Daley	Mary McConnell	N. Conoyour, Berlin
4		Marie Nadreau	Canada	21	Partner	Canada	Damas Ferland	Sylvie Libbie	
6		George Stearns	Lewiston	19	At home	Lewiston	Prosper Nadeau	— Champagne	C. L. Doe. J.P., Berlin
10		Florence Sanborn	Auburn	18	Compositor	Chelsea	Nathan Stearns	Mary Spinger	" "
10		George Longway	Berlin	16	—	Canada	Wm. Sanborn	Martina Clark	R. N. Chamberlin, J.P. Berlin
15		Josephin Cyer	Berlin	24	Storekeeper	Lacouit	Fabian Longway	Eliza Crotteau	
16		Edward Steady	Berlin	18	Servant	Sherbrooke	Onesime Cyer	Rosa Beaudoin	
10		Belle A. Ward	Berlin	31	Musician	Bethel, Me	Jeremiah Steady	L. D. Ward	
10		Robert Wear	Berlin	35	Pressmaker	Durham, Q	Jeremiah Comveau	Jane Haniman	E. D. Mackey, Berlin
25		Elizabeth Dise	Berlin	26	Tel Operator	Groveton	John Dise	Anni Martin	N. Conoyour, Berlin
29		Pierre Beaudoin	Berlin	23	Servant	Providence	Francois Beaudoin	C. Pere	
15	Holyoke	Elizabeth Larocke	Berlin	24	Butcher	Canada	Francois Larocke	C-meel Richard	J. B. Caruthers, Berlin
16		Louville C. Green	Berlin	22	At home	Gorham	Lowell K. Greene	Alice Bennett	Charles Crevier, Berlin
23	Berlin	Margie Marshall	Berlin	20	Laborer	Success	Richard Marshall	Kade Wheeler	Charles Crevier, Holyoke, Mass
25		John Duncher	Berlin	15	At home	Canada	Flavian Dunche	Matill Trombly	W. B. McMaster, Berlin
25		Mary Jaret	Chicopee	26	Laborer	Canada	Joseph Jaret	Louise Denis	
26		David Stafford	Berlin	25	Servant	N. B.	Wm. Stafford	Mary Kimball	N. Conoyour, Berlin
28		Charlotte Charlton	Berlin	26	Willwright	England	John Charlton	Charlotte Diggle	
28		Ludge Morin	Berlin	21	At home	Canada	August Morin	Celina Lessard	N. Conoyour, Berlin
28		Amazie Bault	Berlin	28	Laborer	Canada	Albert Bault	Elia Haskell	F. C. Potter, Berlin
28		Charles Everett	Berlin	21	At home	Southboro	Persian Everett	Emma Bearce	
28		Mary B. Deoster	Berlin	22	Partner	West Minot	Edward Deoster	Catherine Lacy	F. N. Wheeler, J.P., Berlin
28		Alfred McLaughlin	Berlin	24	At home	P. E. L.	John McLaughlin	Sophia Hegau	W. B. McMaster, Berlin
9		Walter H. Goodwin	Berlin	24	Beggagemaster	Rumford	Joseph Goodwin	Faunie Keimerson	J. B. Noyes, J.P., Berlin
15		Famias K. Hazzard	Berlin	25	At home	N. B.	Henry Hazzard	Ph-ebe Cassidy	
24		Fritzof Fintsen	Berlin	20	At home	Norway	Erick Fintsen	Louise Hookensen	Frank C. Potter, Berlin
24		Hannah Erickson	Berlin	21	Laborer	Lacouit	John Erickson	Bertha Nicholson	Willis Holmes, Milan
24		Arthur Davies	Berlin	21	At home	Canada	Stephen Staples	Betsy Campbell	
22	Milan	Thos. Humphreys	Milan	24	Papermaker	Canada	— Davies	Christie Reed	
22		Edith Sweetser	Milan	33	Shoe shop	Milan	Wm. Humphrey	Hannah Morgan	
				20	Laborer		Freeman Sweetser		

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BERLIN FOR 1896 (CONCLUDED)

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence.	Age.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Name of Father.	Name of Mother.	Name, Residence, and official Station of person by whom married.
Dec. 23	Berlin	Myron Everette Daisy Flanders	Berlin	37 24	Mechanic Shoe shop	Mc Falls Warner	Wm. Everett Thos Flanders	Helen Stevens Rhoda Spaulding	F. C. Potter, Berlin
28		Fortuner Baillargerion Lancore Lemire		23 19	Laborer Housework	Canada Berlin	Nap. Baillargeon A. Lemire	Flavia Samson Estif ice Destita	N. Conoyour, Berlin
25		Francois Lepage Emma Mattion		18 17	Barber Paper finisher	Canada Percy	Dempers Lepage Henri Mattion	Desophine Crottean Marguerite Gay	" " "
29		James Curtis Olive Campbell		45 56	Laborer At home	N. B Rockland	James Curtis James Hickey	Eva Todd Phoebe Flynn	C. L. Doe, J.P., Berlin

I hereby certify that the above record of marriages is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 CYRUS L. DOE, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN BERLIN FOR 1896.

Date.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age, Y M D	Birthplace.	Sex	Occupation.	Name of Father	Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan.	Berlin	Ellen Anderson	4 5	Chicago	F	Housewife	Herman Anderson	Anna Johnson	Sweden	Sweden
		Emma Shields	34 7	Dumner	M		Thomas Leighton	Sara Smith	Stark	Mexico, Me
		Helen Provancher	41 23	Canada			Joseph Provancher	Marie Duval	Canada	Canada
		Etta Whitten	26 41	Scotland			John McLoud	Jocanna McLoud	Scotland	Scotland
		August Steinburg	8 11	Berlin	M		Carl Steinburg	Sophia Oleson	Sweden	Norway
Feb.		Helen Thierien	21 21	Canada	F		Flavian Thierien	Emile Paquette	Canada	Canada
		Alice Gilbert	11 13	Berlin			A. N. Gilbert	Sara Gilbride		
		Annunciade Gonne	4 21		M	Millwright	E. Gagne	Georgiana Gonne		
		Eli Gagne	28 37	P. E. I.	F		Ancters Shorter	Marie Mauloux	P. E. I.	P. E. I.
		Era Halverson	37 5	Sweden			K. G. Streeter	Britta Johansen	Sweden	Sweden
March		Ethel May Fancy	11 11	Berlin	S		Asa Fancy	Lizzie Guy	Bethlehem	Littleton
		Erma May Fancy	3 7	Gorham			Peter Oullette	Neillie Sumner	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia
		Alphonsine Oullette	2 2	Berlin	M	Farmer	John Shields	Eveline Latham	P. E. I.	P. E. I.
		John Shields	82 4		F		Hans Oleson	Amie Jacobson	Ireland	Ireland
		Amanda Oleson	6 6		F		Archilla Oullette	M. Lemieux	Norway	Norway
April		Meril Kenedy	22 9	N. B.	M	Lumberman	James Kennedy	Hattie M. Waite	Canada	Malarenka
		Eliphalet Decker	7 22	Berlin			E. E. Decker	Emaranee Bivelt	Lagrange	Malarenka
		Joseph McNeal	71 8	Gorham	F	Mechanic	Samuel Thibault	Diana Sherwood	Canada	Canada
		Marie Thibault	14 14	Corwall	M		Seth Dibble	Mattie Corron		
		John B. Dibble	27 29	Berlin	M	Laborer	Charles Derosters	Rose Tachereau	P. E. I.	P. E. I.
May		Charles Derosters	27 29	Berlin	M		Pierre Roy	Orice Hamel		
		Julienne Roy	27 29	P. E. I.			Jean Brien	Luce Bonleau		
		Pierre Brien	27 29	Berlin	S		Frank Landry	Olivine Beland		
		Joseph Landry	27 29	Berlin	M	Millwright	B. Nadeau	Florence Baldwin	Berlin	Montgom'y
		Simon Nadeau	30 46	P. E. I.		Laborer	Antoine Halle	Lida Launt	Canada	Canada
May		Telephore Belanger	7 11	Berlin	S		Joseph Couture	Lydia Lablanc	Ireland	P. E. I.
		Marie Couture	19 19	Berlin	F		Hosea Spaulding	Marie Picard	P. E. I.	P. E. I.
		Luciene Roy	74 46	Ireland		Teamster	Pierre Roy			
		Elizabeth Rooney		Berlin			Narcisse Peloquin			
		Joseph Peloquin		P. E. I.			Francis Thibault			

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May	22 Berlin	A. Magnussen	37		M	Laborer	Hans Hansen	Marie Anderson	Norway	Norway
	23	Onesine Lefebvre	30		F		Joseph Lefebvre	Emile Protoncher	P. E. I.	P. E. I.
	24	Catherine Holt		Berlin	F	Housewife	Joseph Morisette	Margaret Wilson	Canada	Canada
June	17	Charlotte Beckwith	22	5 Ireland			Jeremiah Lunny	E. Beckwith	Ireland	Ireland
	19	Sara Corrier	5	5 Berlin			D. Beckwith	P. E. I.	England	England
	24	James McLaughlin	30		M	Housewife	B. Corrier	Catherine Guay	P. E. I.	P. E. I.
July	26	Helen Laugis	9	Lunenburg	F		J. McLaughlin	Sopheora Parker	Canada	Lunenburg
	27	Marie Roberge	54				John Packard	Davies	Maine	Maine
	29	Sophie Demers	2	18 Berlin			Etienne Kobarge	Lea Lambert	Canada	Canada
	1	Benjamin Arseneau	58	Canada	M		Wm Arseneau	Jennie Biedean	N. B.	N. B.
	3	Wm Clinch	1	1 Berlin		Millwright	Rufus Clinch	Ann Estabrook	Canada	Canada
	8	Rose D. King	58	11 N. B.	F	Housewife	Eugene Roy	Delima Roby	Canada	Canada
	12	Arthur Roi	1	1 Berlin			G. Roby	Henrietta Roi		
	13	Frank A. Colby	1	20 Canada	F	Physician	N. Roi	Lucy Fletcher	Belgrade,	Charleat'n
	14	Albert Girard	43	7 Colbrook	M		Enoch Colby	Anna Daley	N. B.	N. B.
	21	Norman Hazzard	15	15 Berlin	F		Henry Hazzard	M. Marcoux	Canada	Canada
	23	Nelle Descoteause	8	3 Berlin			Chas Descoteaux	L. Sevegn	New'd	Albany
	24	Ermele Coyer	19	19	M		Wm. Coyer	Clara Harrimah	Canada	Canada
	29	Willie Anthony	1	14			Wm. Anthony	Emma Lamane		
	30	Wm. Bernier	8	5 Canada	M		Batiste Bernier	Louise Ladam		
	30	Raoul Bernard	5	5			Octave Benard	Nellie Sundier	Nova Scotia	Amhurst
Aug.	30	Walter Fancy	7	27	F	Teacher	Asa Fancy	Mary Fox	Albany	Porter
	2	Clara Harriman	27	11 Lovell, Me			Moses Harriman	Seuene Aubin	Canada	Canada
	4	Senade Lambert	1	14 Berlin	M		Joseph Lambert	Celina Bidard		
	8	Alcede Drapeau	14	14	F		N. Drapeau	A. Gouthet		
	9	Ezalda Remillard	9	15	F		A. Remillard	Mathilda Reveux	U. S.	Lewiston
	10	Geo. Ouilette	3	20 Canada	M		Eugene Ouilette	Clara Smith	Norway	Norway
	10	Percy Mandcock	2	23 Berlin			Alex Mendock	Ida Wepp		
	10	Earle Wamboldt	6	6	F		E. W. Wambolt	Hannah Arseneau		
	11	Marie Bernier	1	20			M. Rasmussen			
	17	Marie Coture	3	3						
	18		5	5						

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Aug. 28	Berlin	Ralph D. Anais	1 14	Berlin	M		John D. Anais	Ellen Watkins	Millsfield	Bloomfield
31		Clay's Perry	1 9		F		Gilbert Perry	Susan Dixon	N. B.	
Sept. 1		Clara Thibault	11 6	Canada	M		Samil Thibault	Emeraude Pretet	Canada	Canada
1		Johnny Goulette	1	Berlin			Pierre Goulette	Elise Coture		
13		Joseph Goulette	20	Canada		Laborer	Alexis Lamane	Victorie Tr mblay		
18		Joseph Lamane	5 16			Housekeeper	Basile Cote	Maggie Canfield		
20		B. R. Hayes	9 6		F			Annie Gagnon		
25		Laura Lacotte	32	Berlin	M		Thomas Lemieux	Mathilda McDan		
26		Honoris Gagnon	2 2			Laborer		Adelia Beaudoin		
27		Joseph Merrill	11		F		P. E. Beaudoin	Janet Olsson	Norway	Norway
29		Juliette Beaudoin	8 15		M		Peter Saverson	Jennie Fernald	Canada	Berlin
30		Thos Hamberg	1 15		F		Luke Martin	Mathilda Deslogs	Canada	Canada
3		Heien Martin	2 17	Canada	M		Edward Frichette	Lillia Walker	England	Roston
4		Jean Frichette	1 15	Lowa	F		Peter Byball	Clara Beaudoin	Canada	Canada
6		Matie Dyball	1 12	Canada	W			Maggie Dueskin		
7		Ague Nadeau	73		M		Pete Beaudoin	Marie Coture		
7		Robert Beaudoin	1 20			Laborer	Michael Larrivie	Demerise Confin		
15		Thomas Murphy	21		M	Housewife	Samil Thibault	Emma Oakley		
16		Marie Laniue	41	Berlin	F		Edward Morin	Diana Lacosse		
21		Ronel Demers	1 9	Canada	M		Robert Deane	Mary Bryant	Ireland	Ireland
21		Clara Thibault	1 6	Gorham	F		N. Theverge	Lena Lehaux	Canada	Canada
22		Emerson hute	8 22		M		Francois Caron	Francois Tebargo		
22		Henry Mori	5 15	Portland	S		Joe Savard	Lavina Aubin		
25		Robert Deane	16			Mason	Nel-on Martel	Sara Charlmear		
11		Joseph Cheviage	46	St. Simon	F		Joseph Dion	Ezilda		
18		Alfred C iron	1 26	Berlin			Alfred Lauziere	Delia Gerinard		
20		Marie Seward	11	Canada	M		Plaiside Roy	Francis More		
1		Oliva Martel	19		F		Baptiste Marios	E. Filtean		
6		George Dion	1 7		M		Pierre Corriveau	Adele Gonthier		
10		Labioe Lauziere	17	Berlin		Laborer				
19		Eli Roy		Canada						
25		Emile Morris								
25		Edward Coriveau								

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Dec. 25	Berlin	Doiree Moreau	2 15 30	Berlin	F	Lumberman	Alfred Moreau	Jennie Desilets	Albany	Berlin
25		Frank Chase			M		John Chase	Ada Davies	P E. I.	R. R.
31		Laura Campbell	1 5 9	Gorham	F		Donald Campbell	Belle Rogers	Bethel	England
31		Catherine Grover					Webster Grover			Bridgton

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